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This ongoing project is open to all residents. The collection already contains many periodicals, posters, newsletters, and photographs. To add a voice to these items, everyone is invited to fill out an Archive Profile form. Personal stories will be collected and preserved as part of the city's GLBT history. Info. 492-0558 ▼

Local Women Of Color Recognized

SACRAMENTO, CA – **KVIE Channel 6** and the **International Association for Women of Color** announced their plans for Women of Color 2001: United, Committed, and Working for Change. The event will be held on Sunday, March 4 at 4m in KVIE's Ose Community Room (2595 Capitol Oaks Drive).

Monarchs team member and Olympian **Ruthie Bolton-Holifield** will also be an honored guest. The guest of honor is filmmaker **Deann Borshay Liem**. She is a Korean-born adoptee whose documentary *First Person Plural* was a feature program of the Television Race Initiative.

Women of Color Day began sixteen years ago through the National Institute for Women of Color. It was created to recognize women of color as social leaders and to increase understanding of oppressed people. Info. 483-9804, www.WomenOfCOlorDay.com

Lambda Awards Announced

SACRAMENTO, CA - This year's Lambda Awards will be held on Thursday, February 15 at The Studio Theater (1028 R Street). The event will begin at 5:30pm. Hosts Karen Massey and Dan Adams present awards to local community leaders. "Six Women With Bran Death" will be the featured performance. Info. 442-0185 ▼

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Transgender Activist Comes To Center

SACRAMENTO, CA – **Dana Lee Rivers** made national headlines when she completed gender reassignment surgery in 1999 while employed at Center High School. The school board, principal, and district administration originally supported her, but several staff members changed their minds when she returned to classes in the fall. Although only one parent complained and students remained encouraging, Rivers was placed on leave pending a hearing during the spring semester.

Rivers filed suit against the school and eventually settled out of court. She will discuss her life, coming out, and transition with members of Female To Male Sacramento at the Lambda Center (1927 L Street) on February 5. The program will begin at 7pm. Info. garyj@gay.com, 443-7534

Dale Scholl Continues 19th Season

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SACRAMENTO, CA - Dancers **Lisa Hermann, Johnathan Cameron, and Tomica Taylor** will star in Dale Scholl Dance Art's *Hot Guitar, Cool Dance*. The performance blends the music of **Django Reinhardt, Carlos Santana**, and **John Williams** with the choreography of **Eric Vianelle** and **Dale Scholl**.

The show will be presented March 8-24 at The Dancespace in Solono Hall 1010 at California State University (6000 J Street). All shows begin at 8pm. Info. 451-3732 ▼

Area Museums Open Doors For Free

SACRAMENTO, CA –KVIE Channel 6, Capital Public Radio, and the Sacramento Association of Museums (SAM) will sponsor the **Third Annual Museum Day** on Saturday, February 10 beginning at 10am. Over 60,000 people are expected to enjoy art, culture, and history at The Military Museum, State Capitol Museum, State Indian Museum, the Railroad Museum, Crocker Art Museum, both Discovery Museums, Golden State Museum, Governor's Mansion, Historic Sacramento City Cemetery, McClellen Aviation Museum, Sutter's Fort State Historic Park, Towe Auto Museum, Wells Fargo History Museum, and the City Zoo. Info. 923-7474 ext.6699, 264-7777 ▼

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Political Puppets Make An Appearance

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - Several groups created political satire puppets for San Francisco's Pro-Democracy Rally on January 20 This larger than life paper mache doll read "Political And Economic System Exploiting People And The Planet Behind Republicrats." It was one of several puppets ranging in height from seven to ten feet tall.

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Legislatures Support Ending Workplace Discrimination

AUSTIN, TX - **Representatives Glen Maxey** (D-Austin) and **Dawnna Dukes** (D-Austin) filed HB 816, a bill that would prohibit workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity for Texas state employees. The bill would protect workers from discrimination in hiring, firing, promotion, and treatment within state agencies.

"Texas state agencies are funded by our tax dollars, and every Texan who serves this state should be treated fairly and equally," Maxey said. "There is no room in Texas government for discrimination of any kind."

Currently, Austin and Fort Worth are the only cities with ordinances to protect LGBT people from discrimination in the workplace. Houston and Dallas have non-discrimination policies that include sexual orientation for city employees only.

Federal law provides basic legal protection against employment discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion, national origin or disability, but not sexual orientation or gender identity. Those who experience this type of discrimination have no legal recourse. Info. 512-474-5475 ▼

Muslim LGBTQ Conference Planned

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - The **Al-Fatiha Foundation** for LGBTQ Muslims & Friends announced a partial list of confirmed speakers for their Second North American Conference. **Kerry Lobel**, **Reverend Troy Perry**, **Reverend Mel White**, **Christian de la Huerta**, and **Surina Khan** are a few of the people speaking at conference. The event's theme is "Reclaiming Our Faith And Re-igniting Our Spirit" and is scheduled for June 21-23. Topics of discussion will include Quran, Hadith and same-sex acts, LGBTQ Nikahs, coming out, culture versus religion, and issues of lesbian and bisexual Muslim women. Info. 212-752-4242, www.al-fatiha.net ▼

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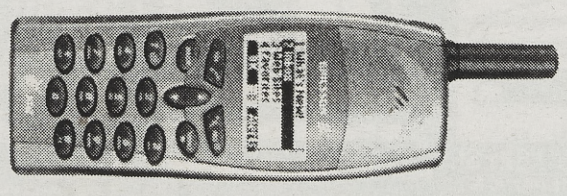

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UFMCC Plans 20th World Jubilee Conference

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TORONTO, CANADA – The 20th biannual World Jubilee and General Conference sponsored by the **Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches** (UFMCC) has been planned for July 1-7 at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel (123 Queen Street West). The conference will feature a "Wellness Weekend," an LGBT health summit including physicians, providers, researchers, activists, spiritual leaders, and social workers. UFMCC will also host workshops on fundraising for non-profit organizations, instituting diversity programs, Asian and Pacific Islander issues, and programs for teens and children. Info. 310-360-8640, www.ufmcchq.com ▼

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ACLU Sues Rural School for Anti-LGBT Climate

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VISALIA, CA – The **American Civil Liberties Union** (ACLU) filed an expanded federal lawsuit against **Visalia Unified School District** seeking to eliminate a hostile, homophobic climate, and enact systematic school reform.

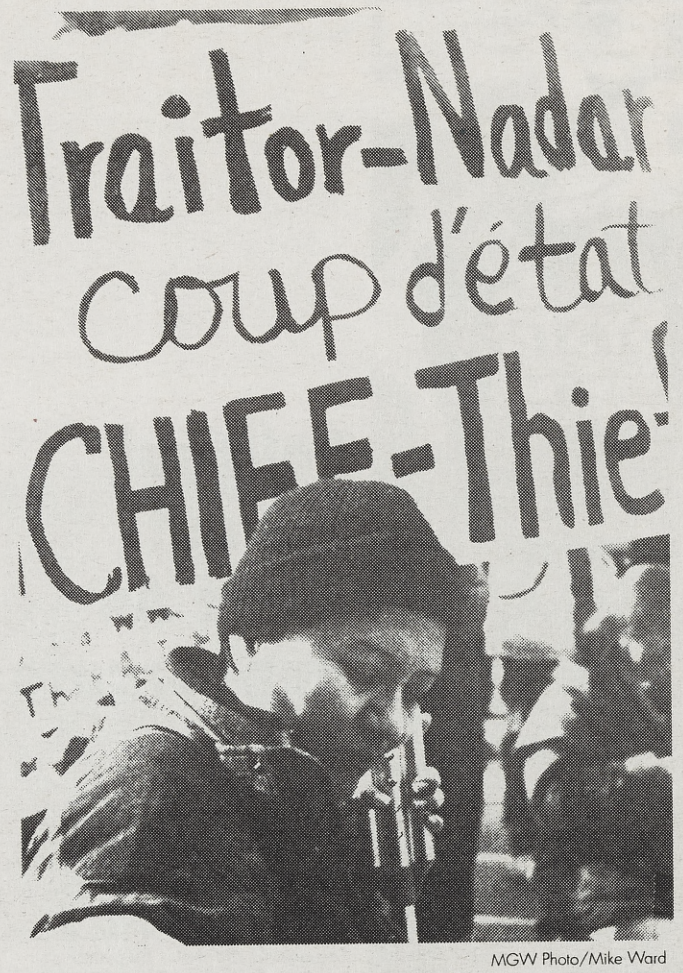
The lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court on behalf of former high school student **George Loomis**, statewide chapters of the **Gay Straight Alliance Network** (GSAN), and **Geoffrey Smith**. They believe that because of their actual or perceived sexual orientation school administrators, teachers, and classmates harass students. The school's response is to send LGBT kids off campus by placing them in inappropriate special education programs. The lawsuit claims the hostile environment this creates is unlawful under the U.S. Constitution and state law.

"As a concerned parent, I can't imagine allowing my daughter to go to school in that type of environment." Smith said. "It's totally unacceptable to me. Kids are there to learn, not fend for their safety." Smith's five-year-old daughter began attending classes in the district this year. He joined GSAN and the lawsuit to support diversity and tolerance in schools regardless of his daughter's sexual orientation or gender identity.

Matt Coles, Director of the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, believes the case is a symptom of a nationwide epidemic in rural schools, whose youth are rarely included in research about anti-LGBT school environments. The few studies that do exist may show that rural communities are much more hostile than urban areas. For example, 18.6% of students identifying as LGBT in urban Seattle report having been threatened or injured by a weapon at school in a one-year period. By comparison 29% of students who have had same-sex experiences in rural Vermont responded positively to the survey. Similarly, the rapid growth of GSAN clubs has been predominately in states with heavily urban or suburban populations, according to population analyses based on U.S. Census figures. Info. 212-549-2568, www.aclunc.org ▼

Rally Unites Local Activists

By Arthur Melendez
MGW Staff



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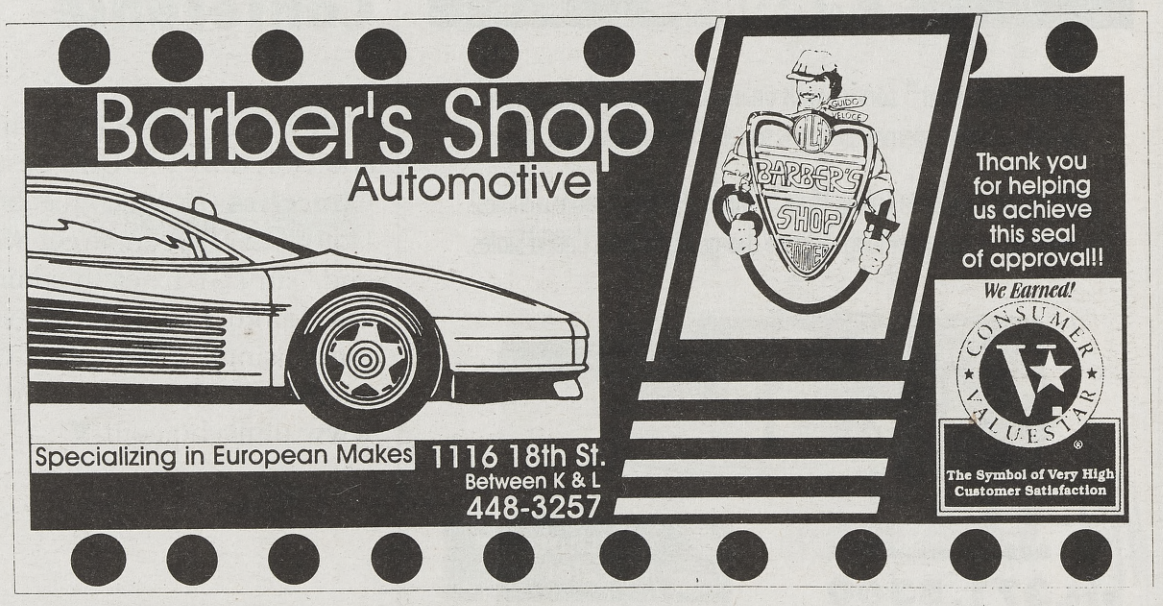
SACRAMENTO, CA - On Saturday, January 20 **Trust the People** and **CounterCoup** hosted a Rally For Democracy on the West steps of the State Capitol Building. Additional sponsors included **Sacramento Valley Progressive Agenda, Sacramento Area Black Caucus, Because People Matter, Sacramentans For International Labor Rights, Alliance for Democracy, Black Radical Congress, National Lawyers Guild, Communication Workers, Justice for Janitors,** and **Democratic Socialists of America.**

The scene was vibrant with signs declaring a diverse and wide rejection of false democracy. At noon event co-moderators **Suzanne LeBoeuf** and **Billy Downey** kicked-off the rally while facing a field of hand painted signs declaring opposition to **John Ashcroft** and **Gale Norton**, the potential rollback of women's rights, civil rights, and opposition to racism. Movements represented were significant and included **Coalition of Labor Union Women, National Organization for Women** (NOW), African American and Latino civil rights groups, religious leaders, Democrats, Greens, Socialists, and many others.

For two hours the crowd enjoyed the beautiful day, creative giant puppets (including one of "King" George), and a number of inspiring speeches from religious, labor, political, and community leaders all issuing calls for increased organization and communication amongst the many interest represented in the gathering.

Speakers included **Cathy Hackett**, who is running for City Council, **Carl Pinkston** of Black Radical Congress, **Jason Rabinowits** of National Lawyers Guild, University of California, Davis Chaplain **Reverend Tim Malone**, Chicano activist **Eric Vega**, and Lions for Democracy member **Nancy Price**. Many of the speakers referred to **Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.** and declared our unity in nonviolent commitment to justice. Info. www.CounterCoup.org ▼



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Rally Attracts Thousands Looking For Democracy

By Nicole Macshafi
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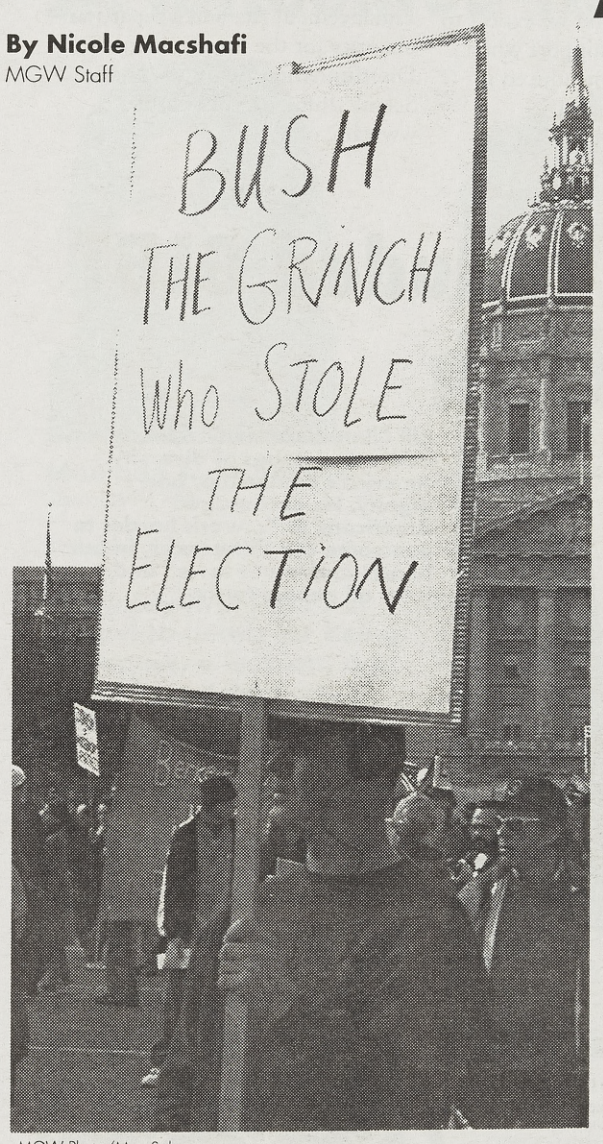

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA – **International Action Committee** (IAC) in conjunction with members of the **National Coalition For The Advancement Of Colored People** (NAACP), **National Organization For Women** (NOW), the **Labor Council**, **Round Valley Indians For Justice**, **ACT UP**, and **Iraq Sanctions Challenge** held an pro-Democracy rally on Saturday, January 20.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – A George W. Bush detractor holds a handmade sign protesting his election victory. Some of Bush's critics believe that his brother, Jeb Bush, who is also Governor of Florida, influenced ballot counting and disenfranchisement of African American voters in that state. Many also protest the Supreme Court's decision in Bush's favor citing several of the judge's financial ties to his family.

The protest began at the Civic Center with Board of Supervisors **President Tom Ammiano** welcoming the crowd. The group grew to over 20,000 people although IAC activist and rally organizer **Bill Hackwell** expected only 5,000 people. He began planning the rally before the election in September with the intention of making their concerns for **Mumia Abu-Jamal**, the death penalty, the decline in social services, tax increases, environmental pollution, racism, discrimination and violence against LGBT people, use of the nation's military, and foreign policies known to whoever won the election. "Regardless of who was in power," he said, "it's still the same struggle."

Hackwell was pleased that so many people focusing on a variety of issues arrived for IAC's regional protest. The rally was the largest in the city since 1973, when people gathered to protest President Nixon's election and the Vietnam War. Info. 415-821-6545, www.actionsf.org ▼

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Democrats Introduce Historical Bill

WASHINGTON, DC – As part of a larger legislative package, the Democratic Party introduced the Protecting Civil Rights for All Americans Act in Congress. This LGBT-inclusive package includes six different provisions that show a commitment to basic human rights. It is the first bill of its kind and it shows the party's commitment to achieving equality for all people.

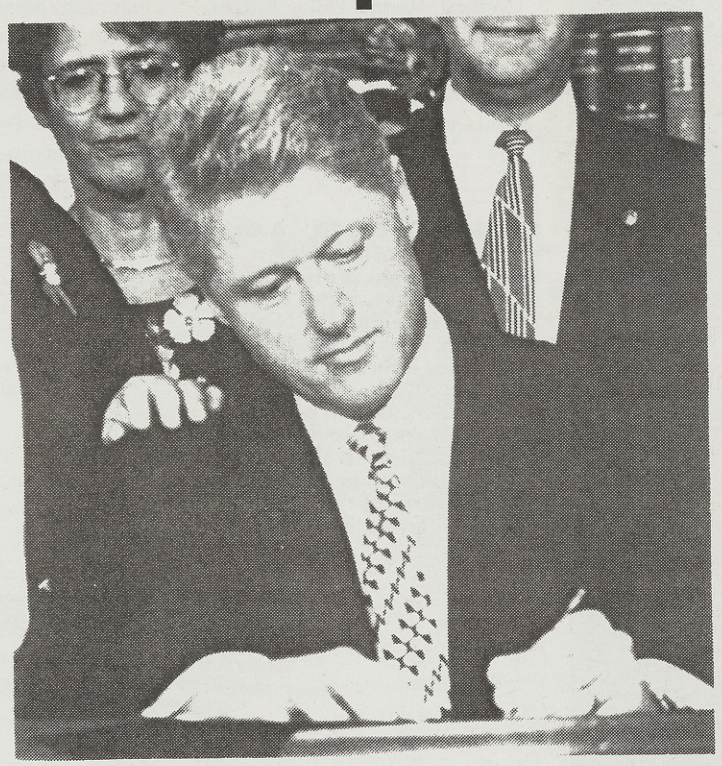
"This is a landmark bill that will pave the way for the introduction of important bipartisan legislation that will protect lesbian and gay Americans from hate crimes and job discrimination," said Human Resources Campaign (HRC) **Political Director Winnie Stachelberg**. "The Democratic leadership, particularly **Senator Tom Daschle**, deserve special thanks for sending the message that gay and lesbian equality is an important priority. We will now shift our attention to lining up support on both sides of the aisle so we can pass this legislation that is supported by the vast majority of Americans."

The first section is federal hate crime legislation that includes sexual orientation. The second section is a study that will explore the national problem of racial profiling. Section three would give more money to **Legal Services Corporation**, which provides legal representation to low income individuals and families. The fourth section outlaws discrimination based on genetics. The fifth section outlaws employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. The sixth, and final, section deals with increased funding for law enforcement agencies that deal with enforcing civil rights laws. In addition to this bill, the **Employment Non-Discrimination Act**, which outlaws job discrimination based on sexual orientation, and the **Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act**, which helps law enforcement battle hate crimes, will be introduced as free standing bills to maximize bipartisan support.

"In the last Congress we passed hate crimes legislation with bipartisan support in both the House and Senate and we expect to pick up even more support when the legislation is reintroduced in the coming weeks," said Stachelberg. Based on previous Senate votes and commitments from new members, over sixty votes have been identified for the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act and a bipartisan majority for the Employment Non Discrimination Act in the current Senate. Info. 202-628-4160, www.hrc.org

Clinton's Farewell Speech Included GLBT

WASHINGTON D.C. – During **President Bill Clinton's** farewell address he made the following comments: "...we must remember that America cannot lead in the world unless here at home we weave the threads of our coat of many colors into the fabric of one America. As we become ever more diverse, we must work harder to unite around our common values and our common humanity. We must work harder to overcome our differences, in our hearts and in our laws. We must treat all our people with fairness and dignity, regardless of their race, religion, gender or sexual orientation, and regardless of when they arrived in our country; always moving toward the more perfect union of our founders' dreams."



Bill Clinton's farewell speech addressed issues of diversity, America's leadership, and dignity. He encouraged Americans to "...work harder to overcome our differences, in our hearts and in our laws" and to treat all people fairly.

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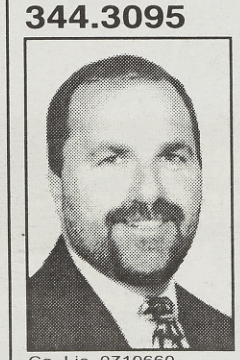
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During African American History Month, how do you believe Martin Luther King, Jr. influenced the GLBT movement?

Complied By Ed Kelley
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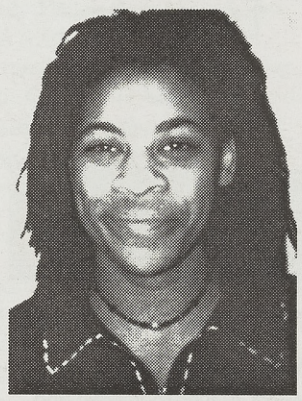
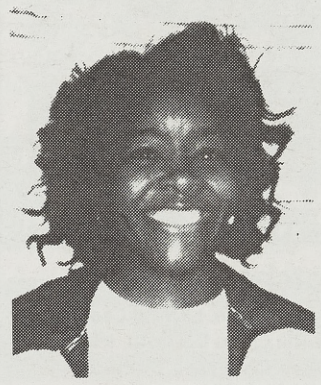


Monique A. Osbourne
Sacramento, CA

Bartender at The Townhouse

Everyday that I am not stoned to death for being a woman, a lesbian, and an African American, I feel his influence.



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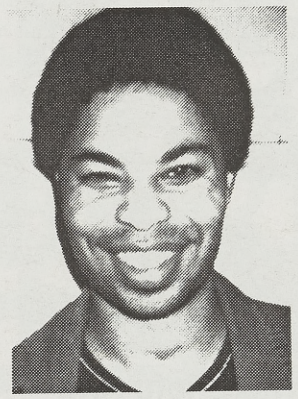

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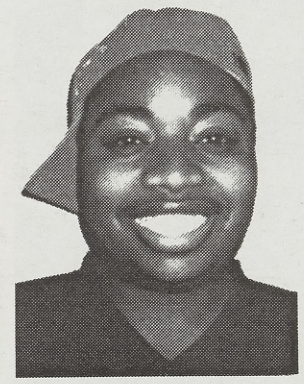

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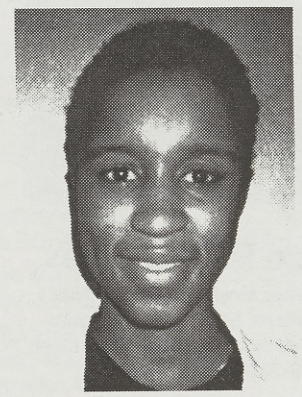
Dr. King has influenced me to be stronger and to focus more on my life. I feel that he is a strong leader who made great achievements.



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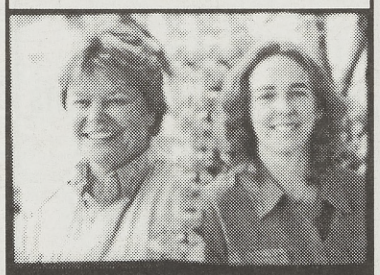
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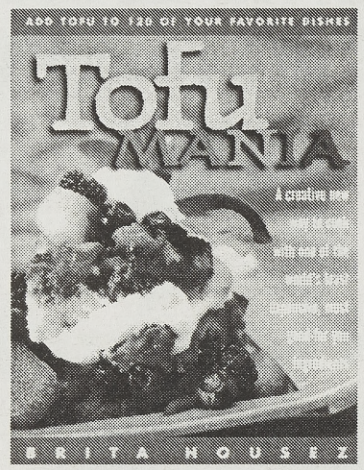
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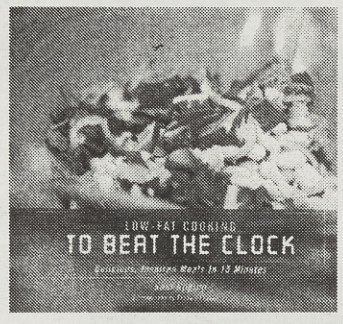

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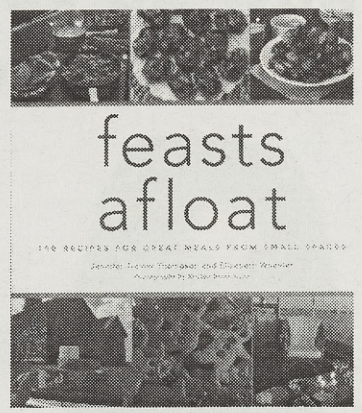

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By Randy Hartley
MGW Staff

Randy Paragary seems to know what the public wants. He delivered yet again with Esquire Grill. Using rich mahogany wood, a warm color palate, and classic architectural design the atmosphere is reminiscent of a 30's or 40's American Grill.

Paragary enlisted **Michael Guthrie & Associates** from San Francisco as architect and designer. Their goal was to create an atmosphere that would attract the downtown professional and business crowd as well as convention goers, shoppers, and IMAX patrons.

There are tall ceilings with imported Italian light fixtures complimented by large windows over looking the K Street promenade. The kitchen, bar, and a very impressive wine cabinet are visible from the dinning room.

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Manager **Ernie Wasserleben** and his fine staff have created an atmosphere with professional yet unobtrusive service that attracts many of our notables from the Capitol, professionals, locals, and travelers all who enjoy fine dining. The Esquire Grill appears to be a place to be seen.

Chef **Tony Flies** oversees the kitchen operation. The menu remains the same all year except for seasonal side dish changes and the daily seafood special.

Rotisserie items include chicken, lamb, rib eye and pork. A limited amount of these meats are cooked on the rotisserie each day. Tony advises interested diners to arrive early to make sure that they are available.

The luncheon and dinner menus include appetizers ($6.95-$10.95), salads ($5.25-$12.50), seafood ($13.95-$18.50), meats ($12.95-$39.00), sandwiches ($7.95-$11.95) and vegetables and sides ($2.50-$3.50).

The salads are crisp, fresh and well prepared. They include mixed greens, vine ripe tomato, warm spinach, Caesar, baby green been, chilled shrimp louie, seared ahi tuna, and a cobb chicken salad that I ordered for lunch. It included chopped romaine, watercress, avocado, and bacon with a bleu cheese vinaigrette. Along with plenty of freshly baked bread this made a great luncheon entrée.

My dinner date and I previously had lunch and dinner at the Esquire Grill. We thoroughly enjoyed our meals. We ordered pit roasted pork chop, buttermilk onion rings, house made applesauce, and iron skillet roasted New York steak with cracked peppercorns, shallots, and red wine. We love mashed potatoes and ordered a side with our meals. The meats were cooked to perfection and were absolutely delicious.

There is an outstanding and well thought out wine list that includes selections that reflects the best the west coast has to offer. Soon, selected wines will be available by the magnum to accommodate larger parties. We ordered glasses of Chateau St. Jean Chardonnay and Ravenswood Zinfandel that perfectly complimented our entrees. Ports, dessert wines, sherry and cognacs available.

The grand finale of desserts includes bittersweet chocolate cake, individual banana cream pie, New-York style cheesecake, apple tart, Esquire Grill Sundae, and crème brulee all priced at $5.75. We ordered the bittersweet chocolate cake served with orange-carmel sauce and candied citrus and the crème brulee served with chocolate meringue cookies. Both desserts were divine! ▼

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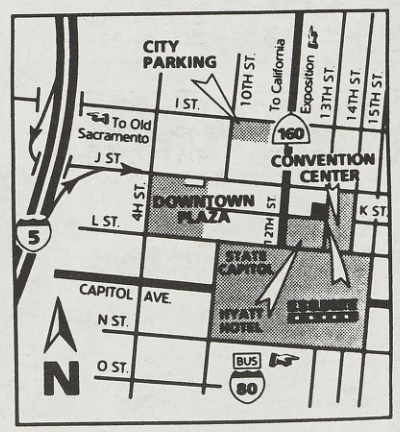

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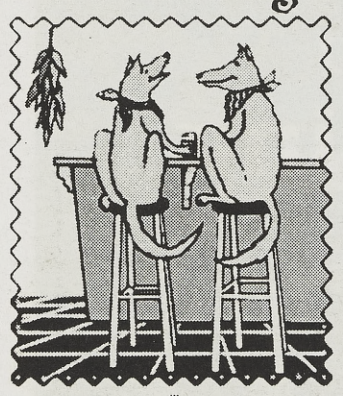

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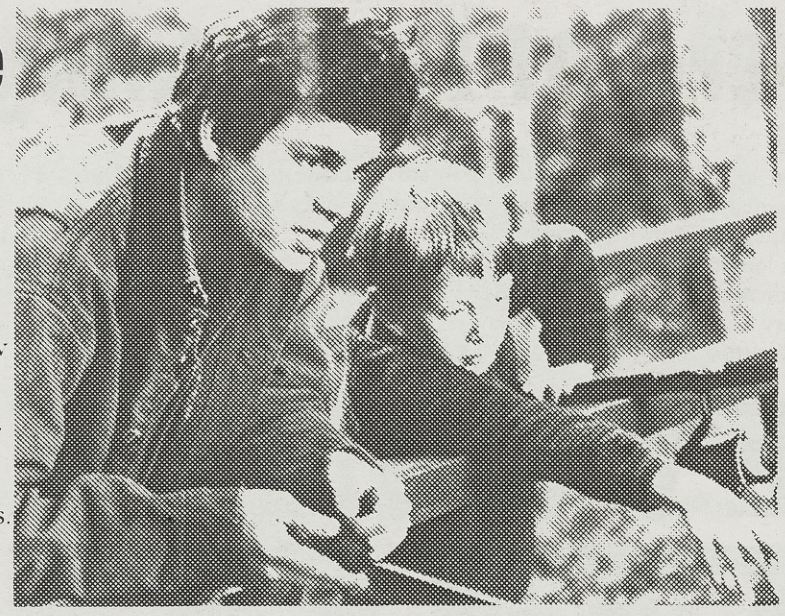

***You Can Count On Me*. Starring Laura Linney, Mark Ruffalo, Rory Culkin, and Matthew Broderick. Directed by Kenneth Lonergan. (Rated R, 90 min.)**

From the opening scene, you can tell that **Kenneth Lonergan's** *You Can Count on Me* is going to be interesting.

Samantha ("Sammy") and her younger brother Terry lose their parents at an early age. It's an event that's dispensed with quickly in the movie - just as background information - but it's clear to us that, as adults, they never fully recover from it.

Sammy (**Laura Linney**) works at a small bank and raises her eight-year-old son Rudy (**Rory Culkin**) alone in the same small picturesque town in upstate New York where she grew up - in fact, in the very same house. She knows her neighbors and she goes to church.

When her brother Terry (**Mark Ruffalo**) writes one day to pay a visit, she reacts with mixed emotions: she's happy that she'll see him again but she's also apprehensive because he's been a drifter and out of touch for many years. She cares deeply about Terry, as her only remaining family member, but her concern has a habit of becoming overprotective and smothering. He just wants to hang out. She wants to solve his problems.

Not that she doesn't have problems of her own. Her new boss (**Matthew Broderick**) at the savings and loan is a nitpicker to the nth degree. For instance, he hates to see "unprofessional" colors on employees' computer monitors. Before long, they're testing each other's wills.

Meanwhile, last year's boyfriend suddenly wants to get serious, although she's pretty much over him. Add to that all the running around she must do to balance her work life with her family life, such as driving Rudy to school and the babysitter's during her work break, and she could use some help of her own. Terry appears to provide that relief, although he has his own issues to deal with. He seems to have lost his grounding after his parents' death, so he's fairly unpredictable and somewhat irresponsible - just enough to keep Sammy on edge.

What's wonderful about *You Can Count on Me* is the portrayal of the siblings' relationship. Rather than competitive or combative, as they're often shown in films, this one seems more realistic. Sammy and Terry recognize their own problems but they still care for each other deeply. The problem is, they are really too different to get along. The title says it all: neither can be counted on. Although Terry seems the obvious offender, Sammy also lets her brother down. It's an interesting dynamic.

What keeps the film from being a boring, if dramatic, "relationship film" are the other situations they find themselves in. For starters, Sammy has an affair with a married man, which provides some challenges for her work and personal life. Meanwhile, Terry plays the good big brother to young Rudy, who's grown up alone. Their interaction is delightful. On a whim one day, Terry drives Rudy to see his real father. But he's a boor living in a trailer park and Terry picks a fight with him.

There's some interesting commentary about the local church not being able really to assist parishioners in times of crisis. When Sammy talks to her priest (played by director Lonergan) about her affair, she just gets some wishy-washy advice. She doesn't get the strong-willed response that she'd feared, yet also hoped for. In a sense, the church cannot be counted on either.

Probably the only one who can be counted on is Rudy, an engaging, smart kid. Rory is probably a better actor than his more famous brother Macaulay, too.

The film ends sadly, but with the hope that brother and sister will resolve their differences and maintain the contact they have with each other. That's what all families hope for, isn't it?

You Can Count On Me won the Grand Jury Prize and a screenplay award at the 2000 Sundance Film Festival. It plays at the Tower Theater (2508 Land Park Drive). Info. 442-4700 ✿

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ENTERTAINMENT

Ward Brings Coast To Capitol

By Nicole Macshafi
MGW Staff

Photographer **Michael Ward** will hold a Second Saturday reception at The Urban Herbalist (1729 L Street). It will begin at 6pm. He will exhibit fifteen black and white and color selections from his Lake Tahoe and Coastal Series through March 31.

Ward is currently a member of the World Wildlife Federation, International Fund for Animal Welfare, and California native Plant Society. His appreciation for California's beauty is shown with each picture he takes. With each photograph, he intrigues the mind and eye. He does not limit himself to seascape panoramas, but instead observes the unique textures and shapes of rocks, plants, and water that often go unnoticed. Info. 447-4372 ▼

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ENTERTAINMENT: HOLLYWOOD

Hearse Spoils Party By Hearst

By Gerald Semas
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FILM -

Cross-dressing comedian **Eddie Izzard** stars in **Peter Bogdanovich's** new dramatic thriller, *The Cat's Meow*. Bogdanovich was so impressed with **Steven Pero's** play that he made this film, his first motion picture in eight years. The story centers on publishing magnate **William Randolph Hearst** who suspects lover **Marion Davies** of having an affair with **Charlie Chaplin**. In a fit of jealous rage aboard his yacht he fires a shot, which misses its target and kills film mogul **Thomas Ince**. How does **Emily Post** address such an incident at your party? Though based on the real life shooting death of Ince on Hearst's yacht it was never proven that Hearst was the shooter. Aiming for an Autumn debut, the picture features some of this year's most unusual casting. Izzard plays Chaplin with **Kirsten Dunst** (*Drop Dead Gorgeous*) as Davies, **Edward Herrmann** (*Big Business*) as Hearst, **Cary Elwes** (*Another Country*) as Ince, **Joanna Lumley** (*Absolutely Fabulous*) as Elinor Glyn and, **Jennifer Tilly** as Louella Parsons. It has been rumored that Parson's position as one of Hearst's most powerful columnists, was cemented as a result of her personal knowledge of the incident. ▼▼▼

Just in case you didn't make it to the recent Sundance Film Festival here are a few films you missed.. A conservative all-girls school in 1963 is the setting for *Lost and Delirious*, a Canadian film in which three teens become involved in girl-to-girl sex through a secret cult. I think it's called Volleyball. Based on **Susan Swan's** novel *The Wives of Bath*, the cast offers **Piper Perabo** (*Coyote Ugly*), **Graham Greene** (*The Green Mile*), and **Jackie Burroughs** (*More Tales of the City*). Audiences were exposed to the new film version of the hit-off Broadway play *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, a rock musical about a German transsexual who becomes the victim of sex-change operation gone bad. Never rely on a Montgomery Ward catalog for surgery referrals. Distributed by New Line Cinema and produced by Killer Films (the folks behind *Boys Don't Cry*), the picture was directed by and stars **John Cameron Mitchell** as Hedwig, the role he wrote and originated on stage. There was also the world premiere of director **Barbet Schroeder's** *Our Lady of the Assassins*, winner of the President of the Italian Senate's Gold Medal. Based on the novel by **Fernando Vallejo** about a gay writer who returns to his hometown, thirty years later, and falls in love with a male teen gang member. ▼▼▼

Director **P.J. Hogan** reunites with *My Best Friend's Wedding* star **Rupert Everett** in his next movie, *Unconditional Love*. The April release offers the story of a woman, **Kathy Bates**, who attends the funeral of the pop singer she idolized all her life and befriends the lover of a murdered vocalist (Everett). The noteworthy cast consists of **Richard Briers** (*Peter's Friends*), **Jack Noseworthy** (*Cecil B. Demented*), **Lynn Redgrave** (*Gods and Monsters*) and **Jonathan Pryce** (*Carrington*) with cameos by **Sean Connery** and that noted thespian **Sally Jesse Raphael**. Pryce will be singing a number of songs in the film, playing fictional romantic crooner, Victor Fox. ▼▼▼ **Rupert Everett** has also agreed to take on the role of Algernon to **Dame Judi Dench's** Lady Bracknell in a remake of *The Importance of Being Earnest*. This would mark's Everett's second **Oscar Wilde** based project with director **Oliver Parker**, having previously worked on *An Ideal Husband*. ▼▼▼

THEATRE -

Southern Baptist Sissies live on. At least in the form of **Del Shores'** commercial and critical hit at Southern Cal's Zephyr Theatre on Melrose. The amusing coming-of-age tale about four gay men raised in the Baptist church has been extended through February 25. A film version of Shores' play *Sordid Lives* is about to be released and features much of the cast from *Southern Baptist Sissies*. Among his upcoming projects is a Showtime cable film starring **Olivia Newton-John**. ▼▼▼ Pop singer **Deborah Gibson** has the lead in a revival of **Rodgers** and **Hammerstein's** *Cinderella*, touring the US through August 2001. **Paolo Montalban**, as the Prince, is no stranger to the role having played the part on the recent TV version, which starred **Whitney Houston** as the fairy godmother. This version offers **Eartha Kitt** (*The Wild Party*) as the Fairy Godmother and **Everett Quinton** (*Mystery of Irma Vep*) crossdressing as the evil Stepmother. ▼▼▼

The long awaited film version of Broadway musical *Chicago* is on again. This time director/choreographer **Rob Marshall** has been hired by Miramax to direct with a screenplay by Oscar-winner **Bill Condon** (*Gods and Monsters*). Marshall is best know for having directed and choreographed the recent TV version of *Annie* and the Broadway productions of *Kiss of the Spiderwoman* and *Victor/Victoria*. In 1997, Miramax announced that the movie version would star **Madonna** as Velma Kelly and **Goldie Hawn** as Roxie Hart. That fell through and then the studio brought on gay director **Nicholas Hytner** (*The Object of My Affection*) with a screenplay adapted by *M*A*S*H* veteran **Larry Gelbart**. Needless to say, that one also fell apart. ▼▼▼ He once battled aliens as the Captain of the starship Enterprise, next **Patrick Stewart** battles alcoholism in a dysfunctional household when he stars in the Guthrie Theater's production of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* Stewart will play George to **Mercedes Ruehl's** Martha in this latest version of **Edward Albee's** play, which begins previews February 23 in Minneapolis. ▼▼▼

TELEVISION -

Though she may have given her last concert months ago, FOX is bringing back **Barbara Streisand** for one last encore performance. The singer's final concert *Barbara Streisand - Timeless* will air Valentine's Day on FOX. In addition to the February 14 special, Streisand will be honored with the American Film Institute's Lifetime Achievement Award on February 22. FOX will also air the ceremony later this Spring. ▼▼▼ Now that you've adjusted to the addition of **Robert Patrick** to *The X-Files*, get used to another one. **Annabeth Gish** (*Desert Bloom*) joins the series for a three-part story beginning February 25. The actress will play an FBI agent who has a past with Agent Doggett (Patrick) and expertise in ritualistic crimes. Though **Gillian Anderson** and Patrick have signed for the show's ninth season, Gish may return in the future if fan response is favorable. Series creator **Chris Carter** is about to begin work on the screenplay for the next movie, which will star Anderson and **David Duchovny**. ▼▼▼

Jennifer Tilly will play Louella Parsons in Peter Bogdanovich's *The Cat's Meow*.

If you haven't found a reason to watch ABC's first attempt at reality TV, *The Mole*, perhaps you misunderstood its concept and thought it was about **Cindy Crawford**. One possible reason to watch is the fact that one of the contestants is gay, and it's not the one sitting naked around the campfire. His name is Jim and he's a 29 year-old helicopter pilot and lawyer. ▼▼▼ The soon to debut CBS series version of the film *Kiss Me Guido* has had a name change. It's now called *Me and Frankie Z.* Oh how scintillating. The show stars **Jason Bateman** as Warren, a gay man with a straight struggling actor roommate named Frankie Zito, played by **Danny Nucci** (*Friends & Lovers*). The series producers, aware of the criticism hailed against *Ellen* as being too gay, say they are being careful not to repeat those same mistakes and hope to appeal to all viewers. ▼▼▼ Apparently Ellen wasn't sooo gay she couldn't get work on television. The still untitled CBS series starring **Ellen DeGeneres** has been pushed back from a Spring debut to a Fall premiere. At one point the series was to be a variety show similar to *The Larry Sanders Show*. A second announcement said it would focus on a lesbian returning to her hometown much like *Normal, Ohio*. With the demise of that sitcom, it is likely the premise will change once more. Hey, how about a lesbian and her straight interior decorator roommate? ▼▼▼

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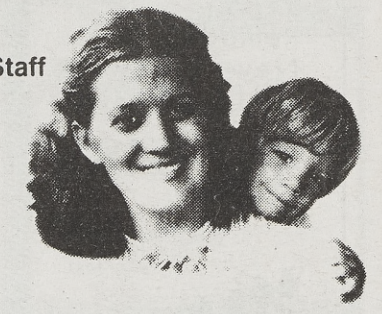

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ENTERTAINMENT

Deep Dish Proves Itself Three Time

By Paul Gordon
MGW Staff

Last night I went to Deep Dish. All day prior to the event I had been wondering what it was going to be like when I got there. The opening night three Wednesdays ago, was a smashing success. **Tony Kalhagen** and **Sagitariun Productions** took what was an extremely slow night for **Pegase Restaurant** (161 Del Paso Blvd.) and brought in a very hip bunch of underground friends and acquaintances for a down tempo dining experience. The second week even more people showed up.

Yesterday I wondered if what I had experienced was just a fluke. Friends, Deep Dish is alive and thriving!! Last night, the third week since its inception, the event featured The Ambient Love Lounge. I would venture to say they had the most turnout so far.

Now, it's becoming a little bit more difficult to find a table after 8:30pm. Folks resorted to sitting at the bar, while others stood if they wanted to see the performance well. All the tables were seated with guests.

I happened to look at one of my favorite waitresses and noticed she seemed rather exasperated. I told her to smile, and that's when in a sort of "I'm-dying-over-here-but-this-is-awesome" response she retorted with a smile and a sigh – "I know, but it's sooo busy!" This is an amazing comment when you consider Wednesday night at Pegase a few weeks ago was a ghost town.

Mind you, the weekends are fine at, but Kalhagen and Sagitariun are to be commended for breathing life into an otherwise boring night for most of us. I sense that you all have sort of adopted Deep Dish as your midweek rest stop -an oasis if you will. A place where you can recharge your batteries, and get ready for another crazy party weekend to follow in a couple of days.

An interesting trend I see developing, is how more and more of you are bringing your parents and more "mature" family members with you. Who would ever have thought that raver dude and dudette would actually be caught at the same venue enjoying phatty acid jazz, drum n bass, and underground ambient beats with his/her parents. Well, I have seen it with my own two eyes folks. This is one place you'll never have to hesitate about inviting the "non-raver".

On behalf of Kalhagen, and Sagitariun Productions, I extend a warm heartfelt thanks for making this happen. This event belongs to you, it's a beautiful gift so enjoy it and treat it well. Deep Dish has taken off, and the momentum keeps building. I suggest that you locals who haven't made it out don't wait too long. The time when you will need a reservation is in the near future. It's coming quickly folks.

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Next week **DJ Rigatony** will be your featured artist. I will be warming up the decks for him earlier in the evening along with support from Kalhagen. By the way, I have thoroughly enjoyed Rigatony's mixes. They have been absolutely perfect in setting the tone for the evening!

Finally some of you have expressed great delight in the two for one dinner deal, I have not heard any plans at all to discontinue that any time soon. So hip, hip, hurray! Get out next Wednesday! Bring your parents and family! Info. 929-2[illegible] ▼

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The Season

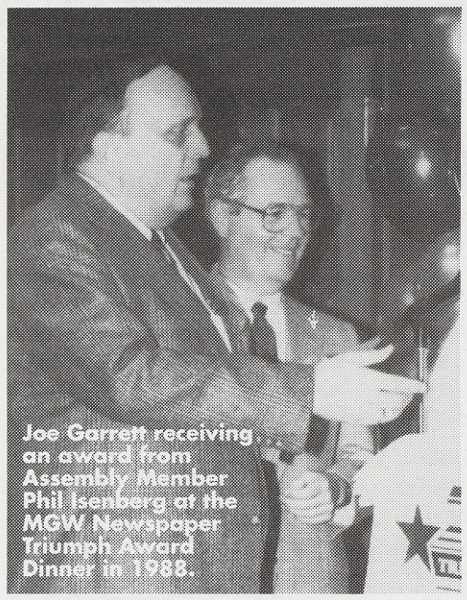
The Joe Garrett & Jack Metzen Story

Joe and Jack

By Arthur Melendez
MGW Staff

Once in every great while we chance upon individuals who, though we've never met them and know nothing about them, touch us in ways that are both profound and venerable. Such was the case when I was assigned to interview **Jack Metzen** – proprietor of Jak Metzen Fine Jewelers located in the Downtown Mall. Jack is a humble and elegant man whose warmth and grace carefully veil a deep-rooted inner strength. The depth of this strength was revealed as he lovingly related the beautiful story of his relationship with **Joe Garrett**. Joe, who recently made his transition in April 2000, was Jack's partner for the past 34 years.

It is said that "There is a Beauty in Sadness," and though the passing of one's true love certainly carries an element of sadness, I could not help but see that Joe and Jack's love for one another was a very special kind of love – a fairytale love - the kind of love that transcends physical limitations; the kind of love that empowers both the giver and the receiver. This, I believe, is the source and beauty of Jack's inner strength. It is evident that Joe's legacy is the deep well of love from which Jack draws his courage, his wisdom, and even his healing.


Joe Garrett receiving an award from Assembly Member Phil Isenberg at the MGW Newspaper Triumph Award Dinner in 1988.

I was so moved by Jack's ability to recount the particulars of their life together without breaking down, without choking on his words or the memories. I asked Jack how he could relate his story without it causing an adverse emotional reaction. Jack's reply: "I am firmly convinced that Joe is still with me. The physical side of Joe may have left, but emotionally, spiritually, and all the things that Jack is, are things that Joe helped me to create. He is still very much with me." It is obvious that Jack is very much in tune with Joe's energy.

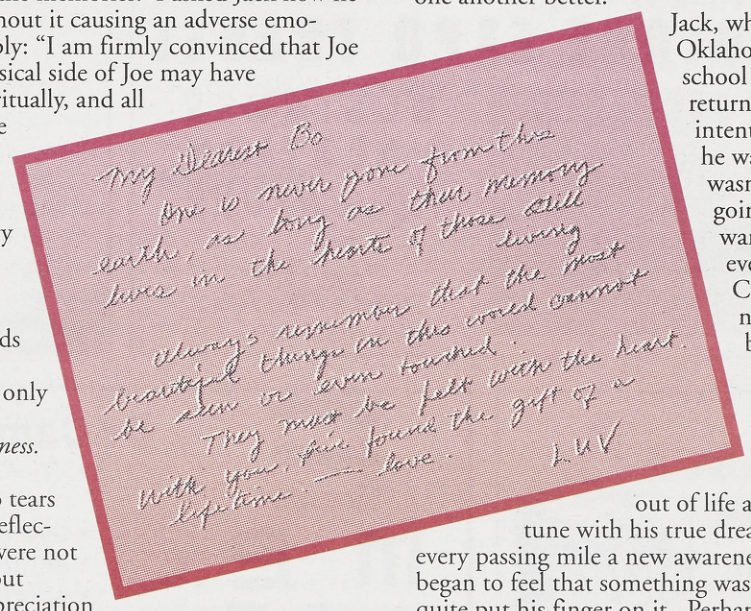
We are such good friends
you and I.
After being with you for only
a little while
I no longer relate to sadness.

I myself was moved to tears several times, but upon reflection, I found that these were not tears of pity or sadness, but rather, tears of joy, of appreciation and of gratitude. The concept of this is somewhat abstract and I found it daunting to find the words that would best describe this very special love. It is a love that existed before, that continues today, and that will go on until the twelfth of never. Though I am sure that I will come miserably short of giving this story, this love, the credence it deserves, I offer it here in the spirit of Love, of Inspiration, and in the spirit of the Season.

"In the Springtime of love…
life has only begun,
The worlds' fresh and new and untried –
Everything's rosebuds and soft gentle winds
As you start down life's path side by side."
- **Jean Kyler McManus** & **Phyllis Culp Mabry**

Joe and Jack met in 1964. Unbeknownst to Jack, he had already become acquainted with Joe's parents. Joe's father was a Supreme Court Judge in the state of Oklahoma, and he and his wife would come into the jewelry store from time to time to buy things for their friends and family. Once, Joe's mother had brought in an antique silver chocolate pot to be re-silvered. Jack remembered thinking how gorgeous it was and how one day he would like to have something like it in his home. As it turned out, she left it to him when she passed away.

Though Jack had not made the connection at the time, he had met Joe in a bar that he would sometimes go to after work before heading home. Joe would usually sit at one end of the bar and Jack at the other. The customers would often banter back and forth, but it was Joe's "terrific" sense of humor that caused Jack to want to get to know him better. This is, essentially, the quality that attracted Jack to Joe, and which created the opening for them to get to know one another better.


My Dearest Bo
One is never gone from this earth, as long as their memory lives in the hearts of those still living.
always remember that the most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even touched.
They must be felt with the heart.
With you, I've found the gift of a lifetime — love.
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Jack, who had been living in Oklahoma City, had left to teach school in Korea. Upon his return, he began to focus more intently on just what it was that he wanted out of life. He wasn't quite sure what he was going to do or where he wanted to live, but he eventually set his sights on California. He bought a new car, packed his belongings, and headed west on Route 66. Driving the many miles by himself gave him plenty of time to reflect on the things he wanted out of life and to become more in tune with his true dreams and desires. With every passing mile a new awareness began to grow. He began to feel that something was missing, but he couldn't quite put his finger on it. Perhaps he would find it in California.

Such was not the case. Surprisingly, the very next day after his arrival, he turned the car around and drove back along that long and infamous route which had brought him to a greater awareness of himself. Somehow he knew that his destiny lay back home in Oklahoma City. He felt secure in knowing that this was the thing to do. Driving the vast expanse of highway gave him plenty of time to explore the many inroads of his own mind. It was there that his thoughts often turned to Joe. It wasn't long before the two of them reestablished their friendship.

Jack and Joe became true and fast friends before they became lovers, though it hadn't taken Jack very long before he felt that his destiny lay with Joe. In fact, approximately 2 weeks into their dating, they had an argument after which Joe decided he did not want to see Jack any longer. Joe had a strong position against allowing argumentation to be a part of his life, and Jack soon realized that his choices were to either be right or be without Joe. Having learned to be true to his heart, he understood that pride and arrogance would cost him something much more meaningful. He knew then that he needed to be with Joe no matter what the cost. He called Joe and revealed the contents of his heart. Together, they had found a new meaning to their friendship.

Once, during casual conversation, Jack had expressed his appreciation for the new model Mustangs that had come out that year. Surprisingly, Joe called from work one day (he owned a small finance company) and asked him if he could get away for lunch, to which Jack gladly obliged. Joe said that he would pick him up at a particular location of the mall in which Jack worked. To Jack's amazement, Joe drove up in the particular mustang that Jack had described. Down to every detail, it was the car that Jack had longed for. Joe got out of the car and gave him the keys. It was at this point that Jack decided, "This guy is a keeper!" (Laughs)

They were together for nearly a year before they decided to take a California vacation. They had decided to come to California because Joe felt that things could be freer – more open. Joe felt that living in a city where his family lived would only serve as a barrier to his own self-expression, if not to the relationship between he and his newfound love. Society being what it was at the time, Joe was adamant about not rousing the suspicions of his neighbors.

Joe had told Jack that his mother lived with him (at the time, Jack had still not made the connection), and therefore Jack would often arrive late at night and leave early the next morning. This went on for some time. One restless night, however, Jack's

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Joe and Jack

curiosity got the best of him and he peeked into the guest room only to discover that no one was there. Because of Joe's understanding need for self-protection, if not self-preservation, it took quite a few months before Joe's parents became aware of their relationship.

Jack never dealt with any real personal fears about being with Joe as he truly felt inside that this was the person that he wanted to spend the rest of his life with. It simply felt "right" to him. In fact, Jack never really questioned their relationship. He simply followed his heart. He just knew that he had to be with Joe. Nevertheless, he had to deal with his own family issues.

Though he never "came out" to them (coming out wasn't something that wasn't done as much at the time), he did; however, let them know that he had met someone. In any event, when Jack's family finally did meet Joe, they accepted him right away. And though they never "came out" to Jack's parents, they were very supportive of their friendship. So much so, that when celebrating Jack's parents 50th wedding anniversary, Jack's mother stood up and introduced Joe as her "other" son.

Though the California trip was intended as a vacation, once they got to the San Francisco Bay Area, they decided that they would like to be together and live there. Joe applied for a job at the Bank of America and got it. Jack came back to Oklahoma City to arrange their affairs and would soon join Joe in California.

"In the Summer of love...
days are long, skies are blue,
The sun warmly smiles from above
Till seeds of hope, planted in Springtime's rich soil
Become ripe in the field's of your love."
- Jean Kyler McManus & Phyllis Culp Mabry

From the very beginning of their new life together in California, they pooled their resources, and even held joint accounts. As the financer/banker, Joe always managed their finances right up until shortly before he died. Jack, for his part, loved taking care of Joe and nurtured him in many ways. He did most of the cooking, cleaning, ironing, etc. Daily, he would pick out Joe's outfits, press them, and lay them out.

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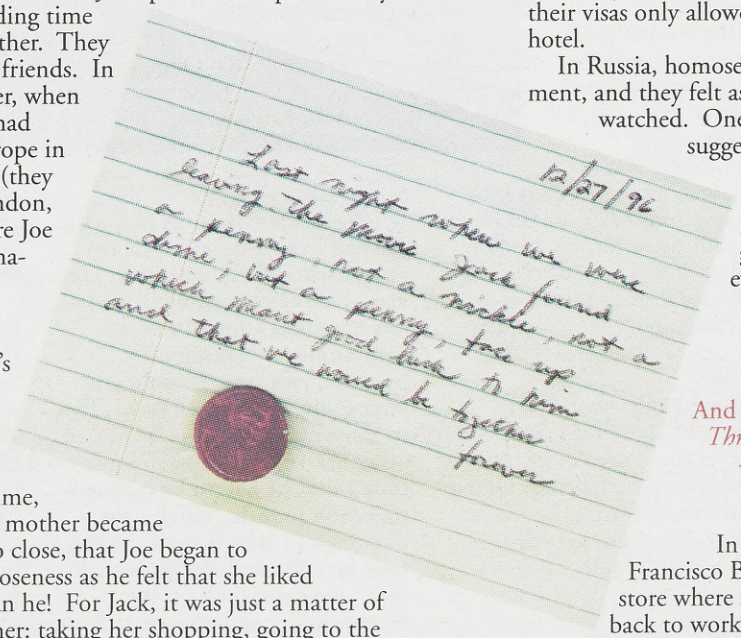
n, Joe Garret, JP Sullivan, Betty Valdez, guest, former Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin

He would even shine his shoes. Making breakfast and dinner for the love of his life was also among his domestic desires.

As in any relationship, challenges did arise, but walking out of their relationship was never an option for either one of them (besides, Jack says it would have been to complicated.). They had each accepted and understood that they would be together always. They helped each other with their individual goals, as well as shared in mutual goals. They knew they loved each other and took great care to respect and nurture their relationship. They maintained a deep sense of passion for one another. There were times when they did not speak to each other for hours on end, but once again, they always felt it was more important to honor their "togetherness" over their individual need to be right. One of their ground rules was that there was to be no arguments. Understanding that it takes two to argue, when one of them fell into this mode, the other simply refused to engage.

After a period of having settled in, Joe's parent's decided to come out for a visit. They were under the impression that Jack was Joe's roommate. During this time, however, Jack stayed with friends so as to allow Joe's parents to have his room. Jack was sure to be involved in the entertaining of Joe's parents and was present at theater outings, dinners, sightseeing, etc. etc. Joe's parents were a bit standoffish at first, but eventually came to accept Jack on his individual merits.

Jack came to know Joe's parents and particularly enjoyed spending time with Joe's mother. They became good friends. In fact, years later, when Joe and Jack had moved to Europe in the early 70's (they moved to London, England where Joe was the International Vice President for Bank of America), Joe's mother came to stay with them for a month. During this time, Jack and Joe's mother became very close. So close, that Joe began to resent their closeness as he felt that she liked Jack more than he! For Jack, it was just a matter of entertaining her: taking her shopping, going to the matinee, to lunch, and all of the things that she liked to do. By the time Joe would return home from work, his mother would simply be to exhausted to entertain extended conversations with him.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Last night when we were leaving the Movie Jack found a penny, not a nickle, not a dime, but a penny, face up. which meant good luck to him and that we would be together forever

The time they spent in Europe was a marvelous time for travelers. They were able to visit many of the European countries and even made a trip down to Africa. Two of their favorite sites included Paris and Venice (for romance). They traveled to Venice on several occasions and developed a ritual, which was to dance together at the Piazza San Marcos in front of all the straight people. Nobody really noticed.

Though it was a marvelous time for travelers in some aspects, it was somewhat frightening in others. Joe and Jack were among the first "outsiders" to enter Russia when it

Jack and Joe

opened its borders to travelers. To there surprise, they were met by armed guards as the plane taxied in. Jack had taken pictures of the Birch trees that decorated the surrounding areas of the airport (they flew in during Autumn), and apparently, this had been reported to the airport personnel. Upon unloading, they were met by guards who confiscated the camera and film. Egregiously, their luggage was searched for pornographic materials and other items inappropriately assumed to be carried by gay travelers. They were not allowed to choose their hotel in Leningrad; the government assigned one for them. A sentry was assigned to their floor and they even had to turn in their room key each time they ventured outside. In addition, their visas only allowed them an18 mile radius from the hotel.

In Russia, homosexuality was punishable by imprisonment, and they felt as if they were constantly being watched. One day, in order to confirm his belief, Joe suggested that they get off the bus at a non-appointed bus stop. Sure enough, they found that they were, in fact, being followed as two Russians also got off the bus and were always within eye view no matter where they went.

"In the Autumn of love...
time has come now for reaping –
For happy and comfortable ways,
And for strolls down the road to tomorrow
Through the gold leaves of old yesterdays."
- Jean Kyler McManus & Phyllis Culp Mabry

In 1977 they moved back to the San Francisco Bay Area. Jack went back to the jewelry store where he had previously worked. Joe went back to work at the Bank of America, but soon ran into a disagreement with the direction the bank was going in. Joe was one of the heads of the bank at that time, and he and another gentleman, Sam Armacost, were being groomed to become president of the bank headquartered in San Francisco.

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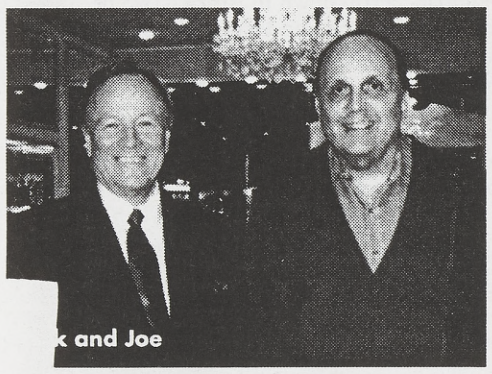
True to his beliefs, Joe withdrew his candidacy and left the bank.

Joe then began to research other banks to work with. He found an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·est in a bank in Africa and t to explore those possibilities. prayed that they would not ·e there. Joe also explored ·ibilities with a bank in Alaska, again Jack prayed that they ·ld not move there. At the same time, River City Bank was being organized in Sacramento. They had heard that Joe was planning to leave Bank of America, and so they approached him to come and help them get organized. This is how Joe and Jack ended up moving to Sacramento. They have stayed here ever since.

Sacramento became their home. In addition to the warm climate, they both loved the warmth of the people they encountered here. They found that the people they met cared about each other and were sincere. They made marvelous friends who shared their love, and encouraged and respected their relationship. At the same time, Jack feels that their relationship enhanced all of their other relationships. It was in Sacramento that they felt they no longer had to hide their relationship, and before long, they decided to build a home together and settle in the valley. There was never a need to look for another home as they had built the one they wanted.

Jack went to work for Hamilton Jewelers, moved up with the company, and subsequently bought into it. Eventually, he bought out the downtown location. It is now known as Jack Metzen Jewelers. He's been in the Downtown Rotunda for the past 13 years.

"In the Winter of love…
life is mellowed, serene –
Brightened softly by memory's
warm glow,
As you bask in the riches of joys
you've both shared
Since the Springtime of love – long ago."
- Jean Kyler McManus & Phyllis Culp Mabry

Joe had always expressed a deep love and affection for people and for life. He brought out the best in them. He was a brilliant man; the most brilliant Jack ever knew. Joe also had an incredible sense of humor and was always quick to laugh at himself. Joe was also active in the community helping to plan, organize and fund a number of charitable causes. Joe was very active in the GLBT community for the past 25 years. He's worked on behalf of such organizations as: the Sacramento AIDS Foundation; CARES; Capitol Political Action Caucus; International Project; AIDS Walk, and many others. What many people may not have known is that, during many of the AIDS benefits, which he helped to organize, he was often struggling with the pain of his own health issues.

As a Pre-Med student in college, Joe had developed polio and had to take a number of medications. Having to live with Post-Polio Syndrome created a number of health issues. The medications, for example, caused him to gain a lot of weight. Though he wasn't happy about the varied consequences of his illness, and was often in extreme pain, he never complained.

In the last few years, Jack began to notice that Joe had developed a scratchy voice. So one night, while entertaining a doctor friend, Jack inquired about Joe's new symptoms. The doctor made an appointment for Joe the very next day. It was then discovered that he had a small cancer on a vocal chord, but that it could be taken care of with surgery This was done.

A few months later, for Valentine's Day (1998), Joe asked Jack if he could get away for a few days. He surprised him by taking him to Paris. It would be the last trip they ever took together. Nevertheless, it is among Jack's favorite memories despite their having been there many times before.

They stayed in a "colorful" section of town not far from the Eiffel tower. They immersed themselves in the native environment and took in the best that Paris had to offer – street vendors and all. On their last day there, as they came down to check out of the hotel, they were met by singers and accordion players. The entire trip was just like a movie set. "Though it was not set up, it is the way one would want to remember Paris – with the one that you love and all of the romantic things that go with it."

It was while they were in Paris that they noticed that Joe's voice was sounding raspy again. The cancer had re-emerged. They found, by that time, that the cancer had advanced so much that his larynx had to be removed. A complete larynjectomy had to be performed, and Joe had to begin breathing through an opening in his throat.

Jack in Europe with some of his pet birds!

The last few months of his life, Joe had to be connected to an oxygen-producing machine. He was given a voice-recognition machine that allowed him to communicate. Despite it's purpose, Jack was the only one who could understand him. Two to three months before he passed away his health was so compromised that he had to be hospitalized for a month. Finally, the doctors told Jack that he should take Joe home to die. Jack took him home and took on the responsibility of Joe's care right up to the moment of his death. Jack's strength during this time came from his determination to do anything and everything within his power to make Joe's last days as comfortable as possible and to make as many of Joe's dreams come true as he possibly could. Throughout this process, Jack ensured that Joe was able to keep his dignity right up to the end. When Joe passed away and the paramedics came to collect his body, they started out the door with Joe on the gurney. Jack stopped them and insisted that they turn the gurney around because their agreement was that they would never leave that house unless it was feet first.

The day of the diagnosis, they had come home with high hopes that the problem could be taken care of, but six to eight months before Joe passed away, Jack had to start acknowledging that this could be the end for Joe. Still, it was never discussed until about two months before Joe passed away. This was when the doctors had informed them that they had done all they could.

Jack took Joe to Stanford to get a second opinion. They confirmed the prognosis and gave him between tow and three months to live. They did not talk about it on the drive home, though it was bumper-to-bumper traffic and pouring rain. It was then that Jack's world cracked and he began to shed the tears of a new reality. In his grief, Joe suggested that they pull off the road and go to their favorite antique shop – Antique Legacy. While in the shop, Joe insisted on buying something for Jack. Jack, of course, was in no mood to be receiving gifts. Despite his insistence, Joe bought him a little cherub figurine, over 200 years old, holding a drum. Joe told him that when he reached heaven he would be drumming out his love for him.

Several months before Joe died, he had lost his cherished diamond ring and gold watch - by this time he had already lost a considerable amount of weight. These were gifts from Jack and so Joe felt quite badly about losing them. As Joe's birthday was nearing (December 23), Jack had arranged to have a new diamond ring made. Joe was in the hospital that day getting a transfusion. Jack brought his gift to Joe, but was met with an unexpected reaction. Joe said that he would not need such things anymore. Jack asked him if he felt that he was going to die, to which Joe responded, "yes." This was the first time they discussed the issue of Joe's death.

For their last Valentine together, when he was already quite ill, Joe had arranged for one of their doctor friends to come and relieve Jack so that he could go tend the store. He did this for three days. Unbeknownst to Jack, the doctor had been helping Joe to get dressed and sit up in a chair so that he could videotape a loving tribute to his loving Jack. A few weeks before he died, Joe had an attorney come to the house to implement a living trust. Joe sent a disenchanted Jack to the bank to retrieve their safety deposit box. In it were a number of papers having to do with their finances. Though Jack was reluctant, Joe was determined that Jack completely understand what all the papers meant. And so they went through it together. As weak as he was, Joe made every effort to ensure that Jack would remain safe and secure in the world they had created together.

Jack got a call from the doctor a few days after he buried Joe who said that he had an important item for him that Joe had left behind. Jack was thrilled with it. It was the videotape Joe had made for him. Joe began his "Valentine" video by saying that it was the year 2000, and since he knew that he would not be around for another Valentine's Day, he wanted to tell Jack what their life together had meant to him and how special his life was because of him.

Though Joe was sick during their last Christmas together, Jack thinks of it as one of their most memorable times. Joe had asked Jack to continue their Christmas tradition and host the annual celebration. Joe was still in the hospital at the time. Reluctantly, Jack did as he wished. To Jack's great amazement, however, Joe had surprised him by coming home that day. Though most of the doctors where home with their families, Joe managed to get a doctor to check him out of the hospital). It was the best gift Jack every received.

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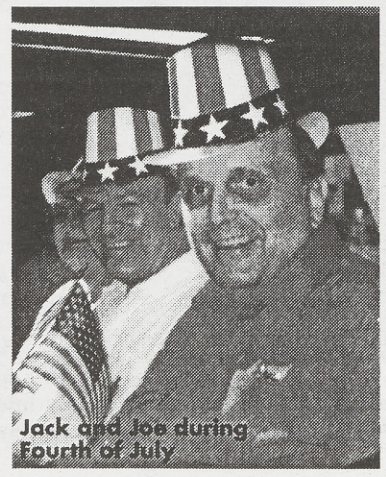
Jack and Joe during Fourth of July

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The Season of Love - The Joe Garrett & Jack Metzen Story♥♥♥

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Every Christmas, Joe loved to give Jack "joke" gifts amongst the other lovely gifts he had gotten for him. One year he had given Jack cemetery plots right next to Jack's parents. This is where Joe is buried today, and, when the time comes, Jack will be buried next to him.

In April 2000, in their home and in the arms of his one true love, Joe made his transition. Jack loving tended to him, and as they looked at one another, Joe said his last good-bye. It was Jack who put his hands over his lover's eyes and closed them for the final time.

Love lives beyond the boundaries of time

Joe passed on in April 2000, but the adventure continues. "Joe made this journey of life an incredible adventure," Jack says. It was a marvelous adventure that continues beyond their 34 years together. Jack continues on by holding Joe in his heart. The journey, he realizes, is not over. He feels secure in knowing that they will be together again. He is convinced that, as Soul Mates, they have loved each other before and will continue do so, well beyond the limitations of space and time.

Christmas was Joe's favorite time of year. Members from both sides of their family would arrive every year to celebrate the holidays with them. Joe's family had come to accept Jack as a part of their own family. This past Christmas, however, found Jack in an awkward position – would the families still gather at his home as they had always done in the past? But every one understood how much Joe loved Christmas; they knew how much he loved Jack. And so the tradition was honored.

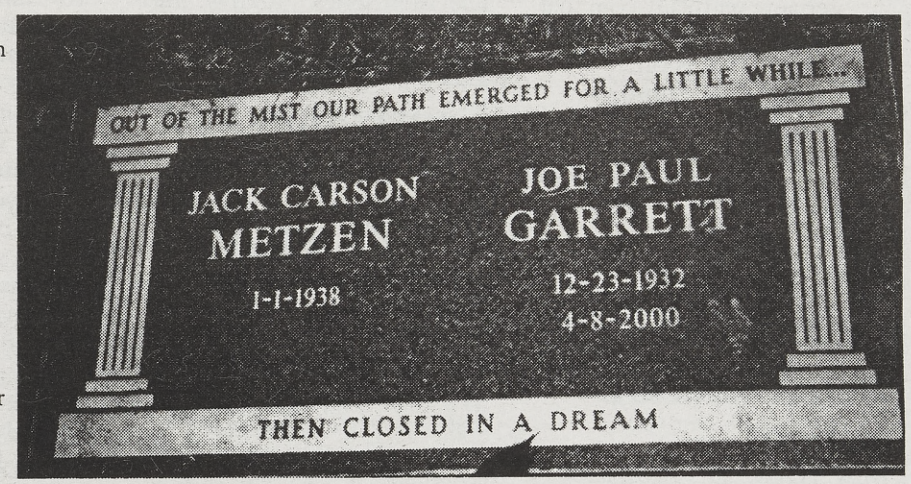
As Jack was busy getting the house ready for the arrivals, he sat down to the piano to prepare the sheet music for the singing of the carols. He opened the page to "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and found a note that Joe had placed there. In it, Joe let him know that he too would be home for Christmas: "My Luv, even though I may not be able to see you or touch you, know that I'll be there with you this Christmas, and every Christmas to come."

Annually, on their anniversary, Joe would send an arrangement of roses to the store – one rose for every year they spent together. Now that Joe was gone, Jack entered the shop with a heavy heart. He never thought he would see those roses again. This past August 15, however, as Jack entered the store, there were the beautiful roses he had always received! Not being able to contain himself, he headed straight to the back room… in tears. He was unable to read the card and so asked Martin, an employee, to read it to him. It was signed the way Joe always signed his cards: "Luv, Bo."

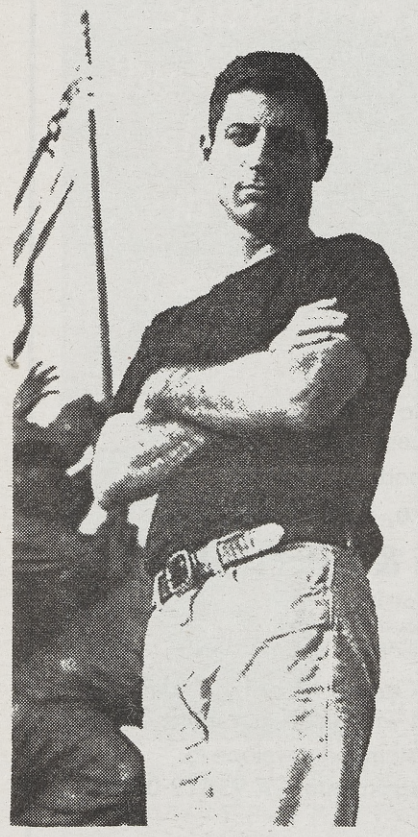
Jack has since run in to the curious experience of constantly finding pennies. At first it was just in their home, but now they seem to appear serendipitously. Not long ago, Jack was at an event which featured the famous clairvoyant, **Sylvia Brown**. A raffle was held to allow a number of people to approach her with questions. Jack didn't win the raffle, but his mind was intent on finding out the meaning of the pennies. Breaking her train of thought rather suddenly, Sylvia began to relate a tale of how loved ones who have made their transitions often leave pennies behind indicating that they have made it to the other side, and that they are safe and sound.

Jack continues to find notes from Joe and is strengthened by them. He knows that he will never be separated from his true love, his soul mate forever, Joe Garrett.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." - 1Corinthians 13:4 Jack's favorite passage that he feels best describes the love between he and Joe. ▼



Play Examines Bias Against GLBT People



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SANTA BARBARA, CA – A free performance of **Marc Wolf's** one-man show "Another American: Asking And Telling" will be presented on Friday, February 2 at University of California's MultiCultural Theater. The show will begin at 8pm. Wolf is also scheduled for a six-week run at the **Mark Taper Forum** (135 North Grand Avenue) in Los Angeles this summer.

The play tells the stories of eighteen men and women who served in the armed forces under "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." It is part of a yearlong series titled "Discrimination, Sexual Orientation, and State" organized by **Aaron Belkin**, an assistant professor of political science. In addition to Wolf, Belkin will present classes, seminars, guest speakers, films, and research reports discussing the government's role in constructing and demonizing sexual identities. Info. 805-893-8411 ▼

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Ex-Gay In U.K.? No Way!

WASHINGTON, DC - The Human Rights Campaign encouraged Exodus International, the world's largest chain of ex-gay ministries, to follow the lead of British former ex-gay leader **Jeremy Marks** and "explore a new direction." Marks, organizer of Exodus ate "Courage," announced in nterview with Gay.com that ninistry was taking a two- break to focus on porting LGBT Christians. ks expressed doubt that odus could change a person's ual orientation and hopes the anization will reevaluate their ssion. Marls underwent nversion therapy for fourteen years without success. Info. www.hrc.org,_202-216-1580 ✿

Hatch Chat On Yahoo!

NEW YORK, NY - InsightOut Books, an online book club for LGBT people, will sponsor a live Yahoo! Chat with openly gay millionaire **Richard Hatch** on February 13 at 8pm EST. InsightOut Books Editor **David Rosen** will interview Hatch on his new book "101 Survival Secrets: How to Win $1,000,000, Lose 100 Pounds, and Just Plain Live Happily." The chat will take place at chat.yahoo.com. Hatch became a celebrity after outlasting fifteen other contestants on reality television series, *Survivor*. Info. InSightOutBooks.com ✿

First LGBT Convention And Visitor's Bureau Opens

CHICAGO, IL – The **Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce** announced that it has opened the nation's first Gay and Lesbian Convention and Visitor's Bureau. The center's first expo-style entertainment event will be "Alive With Pride," scheduled at Navy Pier during Labor Day weekend. The Chamber received thousands of requests to open such a center from travelers around the world. Every year over 400,000 LGBT visitors travel to the city for International Male Leather competitions, the Pride Parade, and North Halsted Market Days. Info. 773-871-6240, www.glchamber.org ✿

Sister Spirit Welcomes You

The 13th annual Gulf Coast Womyn's Festival, a fundraiser for Camp Sister Spirit, will be held from April 12-15 in Ovett, Mississippi. Artists **Shelley Graff**, **Trish Williams**, **Sonia Rutstein**, and **Lynn Thomas** are expected to join the festival. Ticket prices are based on a sliding scale. It is a sober event with no SM activity. No pets or boys over eight years of age are allowed. Meals, craft shows, twelve-step meetings, resources, workshops, wheelchair accessible cabins, and RV sites will be provided. Info. www.rainbowpriderv.net/css ✿

FTM 2001 Conference Announced

SEATTLE, WA – Female To Male International has scheduled their fifth annual "A Gender Odyssey" conference for May 25-28 at the Airport Double Tree Hotel (18740 International Blvd.). A limited number of scholarships are available for young adults. Featured speakers include **Phyllis Randolph Frye**, Houston attorney for **Christie Lee Littleton** and **Patrick Califia-Rice**. Info. 206-527-7433, www.ftm2001.org ✿

Miami Heats Up For Party

MIAMI, FL – This year's **Winter Party** begins Thursday, March 8 with eleven parties in five days. Proceeds from the event benefit **Dade Human Rights Foundation** (DHRF), a non-profit foundation serving the LGBT community. More than 10,000 people from all over the world are expected to attend festivities that culminate on Monday, March 12 with the Third Annual DJ Showcase. Info. 305-572-1841, www.WinterParty.com ✿

Eighth Annual PRISM Awards

LANSING, MI – On Monday, February 5 The Lansing Association For Human Rights will present the 2001 PRISM Awards. Hosts **Gordon Hitchcock** and **Val Lea** will recognize contributors to the state's LGBT community. Winners include **Reverend Paul Downie**, **John Robinson**, **Dan Grubb**, and **Claudia Davis**. The Gemstones, **Leigh A. Mosley**, **Pete Porciello**, and **Rachel Crandall** will provide entertainment. The event will occur at he BoarsHead Theater in The Center For The Arts Building. Info. CarrieMR35@aol.com

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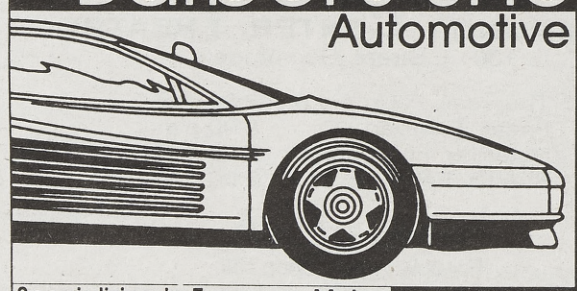

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Police Enforcement Forum

WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA – **City Councilmember Steve Martin** held a forum to discuss policing around the LGBT community. Recently several "lewd conduct" arrests at the Pacific Design Center, increased patrols on the East Side, a continuing lack of LGBT deputies, and the inability of detainees and prisoners to get their medicine have raised concerns. Speakers included **Jon Davidson**, **Mitch Grobson**, **John Duran**, and **Martha Matthews**. Info. 323-848-6460 ✿

Mautner Project Elected To Board

WASHINGTON D.C. – The **Mary-Helen Mautner Project For Lesbians** announced its election to the Board of Directors of the **National Breast Cancer Coalition** (NBCC). NBCC's mission is to eradicate breast cancer by focusing national attention on the disease and training activists for advocacy positions. They would like to increase federal funding for breast cancer research, health care, and clinical trials. Info. 202-332-5536, www.MautnerProject.org ✿

Date Change On Lowry Exhibit

PALM SPRINGS, CA – The Montana St. Martin Gallery in cooperation with the Avanti Car Clubs, the Petersen Automotive Museum, and Studebaker National Museum will hold an event honoring designer **Raymond Loewry**, creator of the Studebaker Avanti automobile. Although originally scheduled for February, the exhibit has been rescheduled to debut March 3-11 so that all of the experts scheduled to attend will be available to speak. The nine-day event will mark the fortieth anniversary of the Avanti's debut in 1961. Info. 760-323-7183, www.Montana-St-Martin.com ✿

ACLU Condemns Bush Plan

NEW YORK, NY – The **American Civil Liberties Union** (ACLU) believes **George W. Bush's** plan to shift federal funds to "faith-based initiatives" could mean disaster for LGBT people that depend on these services. ACLU's Gay And Lesbian Rights Project criticized his plan because it blurs the line between church and state. Last spring the office filed a federal lawsuit in Kentucky against a Baptist agency that received federal funding but fired a lesbian employee. Bush plans to create a new White House office to oversee affected organizations. Info. 212-549-2568 ✿

Triangle Foundation Raffle Begins

DETROIT, MI – The **Triangle Foundation** is selling raffle tickets for a trip for two to Toronto Pride Weekend. The festivities will occur July 22-24 in Canada. Hotel accommodations and rail transportation will be provided by Travel Your Way. The drawing will be held May 6 at the Foundation's seventh annual Museum Dinner. You need not be present to win. Info. 313-537-3323, sean@tri.org ✿

ADL Praises Miramax's *Chocolat*

NEW YORK CITY, NY – The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) praised Miramax's new release *Chocolat* for addressing issues of prejudice and intolerance. ADL will hold a special screening of the film at its upcoming National Executive Committee meeting. **David Brown**, the film's producer, will speak afterwards. ADL urges all Americans to see *Chocolat* and compares it to *Life Is Beautiful*, a film addressing prejudice and violence during World War II. Info. 212-885-7747 ✿

Going To be In New York?

NEW YORK CITY, NY –Tavern on the Green (1 West 67th Street) overlooking Central Park will offer an "Evening of Romance" on Valentines Day. Guests will be served a three or five-course meal, including oysters, caviar, venison, and quail, while **Joe Battaglia's Big Band** will perform on the dance floor. Couples will have a chance to win a five-day trip to Iceland and gifts from Fortunoff in the Tavern's annual Valentine's Cracker Jack Caper. Info. 212-873-3200, www.TavernOnTheGreen.com ✿

Birth Certificate Bill Revisited

SACRAMENTO, CA - **Assemblyman John Longville** (D-Rialto) will reintroduce AB1851 this Assembly session. Existing law allows state-born transsexual residents to obtain a new birth certificate, but AB1851 would allow state-born transsexuals living elsewhere and new residents to obtain an updated certificate. Longville will work with **Governor Gray Davis** to clarify the bill and ensure its passage. Info. www.ntac.org ✿

Rivendell Buys Press Pass Q

SAN DIEGO, CA - Q Syndicate **Publisher David Bianco** sold Press Q to **Rivendell Marketing** for an undisclosed sum. Q Syndicate will continue producing the newsletter for the next six months then Rivendell will take it over completely. Bianco has placed all other Q Syndicate projects on hold with the goal of placing them permanently with other LGBT organizations. He will focus on providing syndicated content to LGBT publications and web sites. Info. 888-383-7911, QSyndicate@aol.com

Scott Opposes Merger

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - **Henry Scott**, the former president and editorial director of "Out Magazine," is urging everyone to oppose the merger between PlanetOut and Online Partners, owners of Gay.com. He believes this will create a monopoly threatening competition among LGBT web sites. Scott's critics believe that he is partially responsible for these mergers, since he left "Out" in debt necessitating its sale. PlanetOut representatives have not commented on his allegations. Info. 415-644-8000, www.gay.com

GLINN Offers New Clipping Service

The **Gay and Lesbian International News Service** (GLINN) has begun a clipping service with the intention of tracking coverage in all LGBT publications. GLINN's CEO **Dan Schramm** got the idea when asked for information from a PlanetOut employee. GLINN is currently securing subscriptions to publications and have begun signing clients. Eventually, he would also like to add a circulation auditing program to GLINN's services. Info. www.glinn.com

Art In Public Places Seeks Docents

SACRAMENTO, CA - The Art In Public Places program is offering a Docent Training Programs the local Public Art Collection. The program is seeking art enthusiasts who would like to provide guided tours to schools and community groups. Participants will receive eight training sessions between March and May. Topics will include modern and contemporary public art and art education techniques. All materials and training are free. Applications are due March 9. Info. 264-5550 ▼

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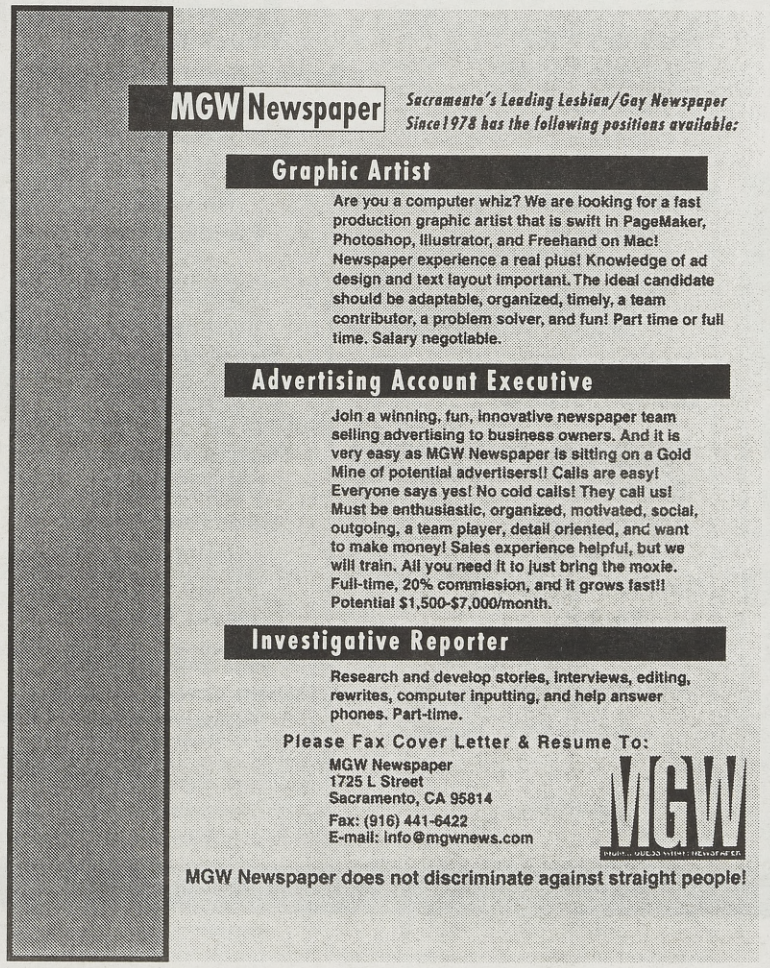
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HIV NEWSLINE

On the HIV front...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Rebound epidemic feared as SF cases

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recent, significant rise in infections among gay men an Francisco is of concern a national front. Trends in city are usually followed the rest of the country soon r. The most recent study mates that there will be about 748 new infections this year, a large percentage of them due to a growing decline in safe sex practices. This is a large increase over the number of new infections in the past several years.

Young men, often caught up in experimentation and the vulnerability of youth in general, are not only becoming infected, but are becoming infected with strains that are already resistant to many treatment drugs. This means, of course, that someone who knew they were positive passed along their infection, as well as their drug resistance.

San Francisco health department specialists say the city is now on the upswing of a rebound epidemic, although it's not what we were seeing in the late 1970s and 1980s when thousands of people became infected every year.

City, as well as federal health officials, are concerned, noting that what is happening in San Francisco is already being reflected in Seattle, Los Angeles, Miami, and Chicago. Federal health officials will meet this month to discuss what to do.

Heroin use continues to be popular in San Francisco, some twenty years after the threat of HIV made the drug more dangerous than it had ever been before. The city is now seeing their statistics compounding at a high rate – the number of heroin users has soared from 600,000 at the beginning of the 1990s to 980,000 now – in part because many rely on the myth that heroin is safer when not used intravenously. But a high number of new infections can also be traced to intravenous injection of the drug with shared needles that unknowingly contain HIV-infected blood.

Drug susceptibility testing best treatment indicator...

Long-term HIV suppression is better predicted by testing phenotype drug susceptibility than relying on past treatment history. Researchers from the University of Alabama have been studying plasma samples from 86 HIV-infected individuals who were starting new antiretroviral regimens after experiencing treatment failure. The authors discovered that the length of time until failure on a new treatment regimen did not, in most instances, follow the time-line pattern of previous failures. Testing your body's capacity with phenotype testing is a better indicator than assuming that past timelines will repeat themselves.

Clinical tests suspended on promising drug... Pfizer Pharmaceutical

researchers have halted late-stage human trials of **capravirine**, a potential blockbuster AIDS medicine. A year-long trial showed that none of the 650 human volunteers in six clinical trials had any indications of inflamed blood vessels, or vasculitis, high doses of the drug caused inflamed blood vessels in many of the dogs that were part of the test. Most volunteers say they will end their capravirine regimen in favor of other treatments, but those who are doing well with the drug and have failed other therapies will remain on the drug; both groups will be monitored by Pfizer scientists.

New molecule may prevent HIV from cell entry...

An MIT researcher tapped to become the next head of Merck's drug research unit has discovered a molecule that can prevent HIV from entering a cell. It stops the process known as membrane fusion by which HIV pulls itself to a host cell. Current AIDS treatments prevent HIV from replicating *once it enters a host* middle of next year. But this new MIT discovery could be even more effective than T-20. Additionally, other researchers are looking for ways to stop HIV molecules before they reach host cells.

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Making Health Political!

By Dr. Jeffrey Chernin
MGW Staff

Is Q Health going political? Yes! In the past, Q Health has attempted to examine the spaces between mental health and areas such as HIV, finances, friendships, and relationships. For this column, Q Health is going beyond the scope of health and moving it squarely into the political realm.

This column is a response to the fact that we have a Republican in the White House. Despite the rather "diverse" group of people picked for Bush's cabinet, his advisors and overseers will work toward reversing gains in the areas of the environment, public health, and civil rights.

Bush's recent pick of **John Ashcroft** for Attorney General, for example, the stage is set in terms of LGBT rights. As recently mentioned in the *L.A. Times*, People for the American Way noted that Ashcroft has the second most abysmal record on civil rights next to **Jesse Helms**.

Perhaps this setback, or even the fact that Bush won the election, has made you angry. But what to do with this anger?

In my work with anger management as a therapist in Dallas, I would tell clients that you cannot "get rid" of anger. Rather, you have no choice but to channel it, which can be done either injuriously or productively. Anger can be destructively channeled inward, which leads to despair or harmful activities. You can also detrimentally release your anger by lashing out at loved ones or strangers (through road rage, for example), which merely fuels more anger.

On the other hand, you can positively channel anger into constructive action, such as joining political and social organizations. For example, the acronym for **Mothers Against Drunk Driving** (MADD) is no coincidence. Here was a group of grieving, angry mothers who channeled their anger toward drunk drivers in a way that benefits society. Likewise, you can join social and political LGBT organizations or write letters to your Senators insisting that they vote against Ashcroft's confirmation.

But one of the most constructive actions you can take, for yourself and others, is to Come Out.

If you are out to everyone you know, however, you can still come out. The next time a stranger assumes you have an opposite-sex spouse, let him or her know that you are offended by the presumption of heterosexuality. If you're out to nearly everyone you know, write a coming out e-mail or letter to acquaintances, old high school or college friends, or to politicians who rule in countries that are harsh toward LGBT people.

On the other hand, if you are very closeted and you do not want anyone to know that you are even reading this column, I still urge you to come out. Come out to siblings and/or friends to test the waters. Write a letter if you can't tell them in person. Or, plan to come out during National Coming Out Day in October. Use the next several months to mobilize your resources so that you feel ready.

If you are a public figure, Come Out. Now is the time for everyone in the public arena to come out. It shouldn't matter if you are on the Supreme Court or were a Supreme. Every **John**, **Rick(y)**, and **Rosie** should publicly declare their homosexuality. If you are an "ex" LGBT person, write letters that you are publicly reclaiming your God-given orientation.

I realize that coming out is a deeply personal act. But coming out is not just a personal act of declaration, it is a political act.

For example, **Barry Goldwater**, the ultra-conservative Senator from Arizona, was perversely anti-LGBT. He changed his mind about homosexuality, however when his grandson came out to him. In fact, he wrote an article in favor of lifting the ban on LGBT people in the military.

So, did Q Health actually move squarely into the political realm? Not exactly. So where is the "Health" in Q Health in this column? Did you find it?

The more people who know that we are moral and decent people, the more politicians will want to create laws that include us, the more religious institutions will want to marry us, and the more the military will want us to openly serve. More educational centers will teach acceptance and more medical establishments will provide us with better services.

These positive changes in turn affect the lives of every single LGBT individual. Therefore, our mental and physical well being is inextricably linked with politics, and this column was indeed about our health after all. ▼

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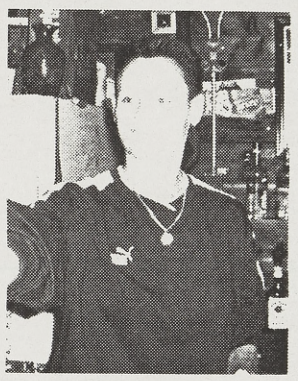

Lori Jaeger

Lori Jaeger passed away on Thursday, January 11. She had been ill before her death and suffered from high blood pressure. She died of a massive stroke.

She is survived by her parents Valentine and Mathel, brothers Mike, Ron, Jerry, Richard, Robin, sister Connie, and partner Cherie. She was 41 years old. "She was a great lady. She'll be very much missed," Cherie said of her.

Lori was a bartender at The Mercantile Saloon. She had also worked at The Townhouse for several years. She enjoyed playing basketball, was a member of the River City Billiards League, and teaching sports. She was employed as an Athletic Director for the City of Roseville for ten years before becoming a bartender.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, February 3 and Sunday, February 11. Both will be at The Mercantile Saloon (1928 L Street). Donations can be made in her name to the American Heart Association. Info. 447-0792 ▼

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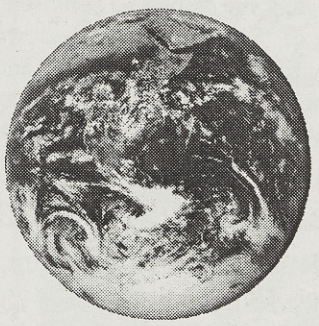

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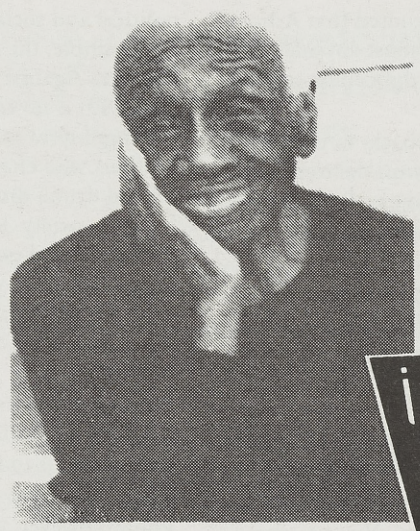
ENTERTAINMENT

"In The Life" Looks At African Americans' Contributions

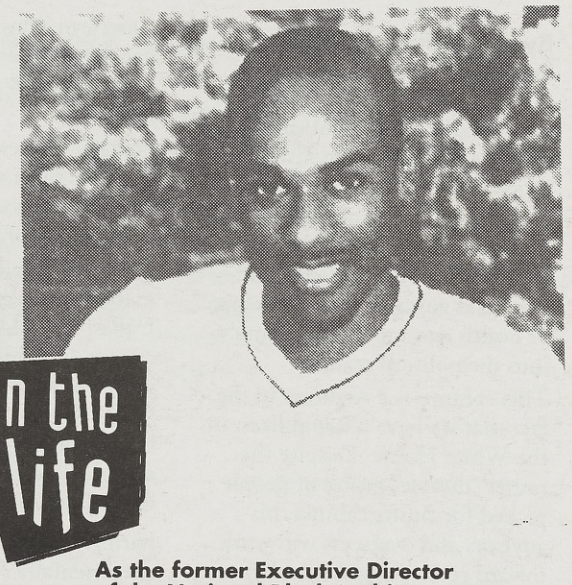
MGW Staff

SACRAMENTO, CA – The February installation of Emmy-nominated newsmagazine "In The Life" will feature stories of African American LGBT activists. Guest hosted by **RuPaul Andre Charles**, the episode will examine the efforts of **Reverend Irene Monroe**, **Ruth Ellis**, **James Baldwin**, **Michelle Lopez**, and **Sidra Smith's** *A Luv Tale* staring **Gina Rivera**, **Michele Lamar-Richards**, and **MC Lyte**. "In The Life: From Rights To Reverence" will air on KVIE Channel 6 on Tuesday, February 6 at 11pm. Info. 212-255-6012, www.InTheLiveTV.org ▼

RuPaul Andre Charles will guest host "From Rights To Reverence," the February episode of In The Life. The show will focus on the efforts of African American LGBT people across the nation.



Ruth Ellis's life as a 101-year old lesbian is the subject of *Older & Out*. Although Ellis passed away in 2000, her memory as being an unapologetic out single lesbian lives on. She is also featured in Yvonne Welbon's documentary *Living With Pride: Ruth Ellis @ 100*.



As the former Executive Director of the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum, activist and author Keith Boykin educated the LGBT community about racism and the African American community about homophobia. After graduating from Harvard Law School, he worked at the White House and was instrumental in organizing President Clinton's meeting with LGBT leaders.

Women of Courage

In 1983 the Lives of Sharon Kowalski and Karen Thompson were forever changed when Sharon was involved in an auto accident that left her severely and permanently disabled and in need of constant care. It also launched a 7 year court battle to determine who would have control over her medical care, rehabilitation and even where she would live. It pitted her and her partner against the Kowalski family, medical practitioners and the court system and brought to the forefront of America the struggles that lesbians and gays face in medical emergencies. In recognition of their fight, Thompson and Kowalski were presented the "Women Of Courage Award" by NOW at their 1990 National Convention.

The Lambda Players are proud to present

Karen Thompson

Author of the book *Why Can't Sharon Kowalski Come Home*, an activist and advocate for the disabled and for the rights of gays and lesbians,Thompson is coming to Sacramento in conjunction with the performance of "Standing in the Shadows," a play being performed by the Lambda Players that is loosely based on the lives of her and Kowalski. She will be telling of her life with Kowalski and their battle against the court system. She will also speak about mental health and spirituality - her experiences as a woman and how she has kept healthy.

Caring for the Disabled - Myths and Realities

February 8th, Noon, FREE, Hinde Auditorium, University Union, CSUS
6000 J Street Info: 916-278-7912

Mental Health and Spirituality

February 8th, 8p.m. $5. 24th Street Theatre, 2791 24th St.
Tickets available at The Open Book, 910 21st St.
Reservations: 916-484-4742

Ms. Thompson's appearance in Sacramento is sponsored by:
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Satisfying Your Dog's Need For Positive Attention

By Randy Jamison
MGW Staff

Dogs crave attention. If our minds inadvertently wander, they nudge our hands, plop saliva-drenched tennis balls into our laps, and roll adorably onto their backs. However, the behaviors we regard as endearing may develop into bad habits and our exasperated reactions may become reinforcement. A demanding, creative and intelligent dog quickly learns how to get the attention she/he craves, whether it be positive or negative. After all, what can be more fun than a flustered owner?

Some of the inappropriate ways that dogs win our undivided attention include excessive barking, jumping up and pawing, biting the leash, stealing forbidden items, stereotypic behaviors (such as tail-chasing), and even aggression. In fact, inappropriate attention-seeking behavior is a common clinical diagnosis for dogs referred to behavioral specialists.

Each problem is treated with techniques specific to the behavior (for example, jumping dogs are trained to sit down, reliably, on command and then rewarded for behaving appropriately), there are some common threads in the management of attention-seeking behavior.

Most important is the understanding that such behavior is learned and learning takes place only when a task is reinforced in some way. It is most helpful if owners recognize the ways in which they reward out-of-control or other misbehaviors. For example, some dogs begin to bark, predictably, while owners are preoccupied with a telephone call. This annoying habit is often ignored, except for occasional reprimands to be quiet which are not enforced. The barking continues because (a) it achieves results since the telephone call is elegantly interrupted and (b) quiet behavior is ignored and rarely rewarded for its own sake. Once we understand the principles of learning, and the ways in which we reward attention seeking, it is easier to reverse the process.

Photo: R. Sharon Spencer

In general, dogs should learn and practice, basic obedience exercises, especially sit, down, sit-stay, and down-stay. These are useful exercises but must be actively practiced until the dog reliably obeys. Owners will also find it helpful to keep a diary of behaviors including the times and circumstances in which they occur.

It is also very important to be consistent. If a behavior is corrected once, it should be corrected one hundred percent of the time that it occurs. Dogs that jump, leap, and run out of reach should be kept on a leash. In fact, preventing the problem by anticipating it is much better than trying to stop the behavior once it has begun. For example, when the telephone rings our barking friend should have a leash immediately attached. Dogs will learn quickly to behave appropriately if their good behavior is practiced and rewarded, and the bad behavior either ignored or corrected.

Dogs should be asked to sit or down before getting anything they want, whether it is attention, petting, food, or play. If the problem is too difficult to change without help, ask your veterinarian for assistance or for referral to a behavioral specialist (particularly advisable if aggression is part of the picture). With understanding, consistency and patience, owners can be successful in teaching their dogs a better way to earn attention and can gain some control once again. ▼

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THURSDAY

DOWNTOWN SAC. PARTNERSHIP, State of the Downtown Address with Mayor Heather Fargo, 8:30am, Hard Rock Cafe, 645 Downtown Plaza, 442-8575 ext. 210

EMPLOYMENT LAW CLINIC, 6pm, 515 12th St., 551-2150

RAPE AGRESSION DEFENSE SYSTEM, 9am, UC Davis, 530-752-3372

RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT KARAOKE, 9pm, 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

SF JAZZ, Threads of Jazz: Swing/Roaring 20's Workshop, 1pm, Westlake Middle School, 2629 Harrison St., Oakland, 415-398-5655

VOICE OF THE VALLEY A CAPELLA CHOIR, 7pm, Natomas Park Elementary School, 4700 Crest, Natomas, 487-7000

VOLUNTEER AND DOCENT TRAINING, thru March 15, 9am, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918 x224

YOLO COUNTY WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT PLANNING MEETING, 6pm, Memorial Union Fielder Rm., University of CA, Davis, pawhelen@ucdavis.edu

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FRIDAY

BELLE COOLEDGE COMMUNITY CENTER, lifetime fitness class, 9am, 5699 South Land Park Dr., 277-6094

DUVAL SPECK, 8pm, Borders, 500 First St., Davis, duvalspk@jps.net

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE, 7:30pm, Central United Methodist Church Social Hall, 5265 H St., 987-6614

M.H. DEYOUNG MEMORIAL MUSEUM, "Ancient Art at the Legion of Honor" by Susanna Lombardi, 2pm, Golden Gate Park, 75 Tea Garden Dr. SF, 415-750-3640

CROCKER ART MUSEUM, "Art And Architecture" trip to San Diego, thru Feb. 4, 264-5423

DYKES OUT TOGETHER PLANNING MEETING, 6:30pm, call for location, 971-9337

ONE LIFE FOR ANOTHER: THE SURVIVOR'S STORY, Center for the History of Sexual Diversity, thru March 4, GLBT Historical Society, 973 Market St., Ste. 400, SF, 415-777-5455

R.E.A.L. YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP, 6pm, Breaking Barriers, 1722 J St., Suite 321, 447-2437

SF ARTS OF PACIFIC ASIA SHOW, Fort Mason, SF, 310-455-2886

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SATURDAY

CAPITAL PUBLIC RADIO LIVE BROADCAST, Dave Brubeck Quartet and Pacific Singers, University of the Pacific, Faye Spanos Concert Hall, 480-5900

GAY, LESBIAN, STRAIGHT EDUCATION NETWORK (GLSEN), "Creating Safe Schools - A Workshop Model," 8:30am, Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Ave., jsiebert@ricochet.net

RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT COMEDY NIGHT, Carla Clayy, 9pm, 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

SAC. REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER, basic law enforcement academy, 7:30am, McClellan AFB, Bldg. 8, 5146 Arnold Ave., 570-5017

SF INTL. GIFT FAIR, thru Feb. 7, Moscone Center, North Hall, SF, 747 Howard St, SF, 415 974-4000

SF JAZZ ALL-STAR HIGH SCHOOL ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS, 10am, 3 Embarcadero Center, Lobby Level, SF, 415-398-5655 ext. 128

TALES FROM THE STORYBAG, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

4 SUNDAY

ALTITUDE 2001 SKI WEEK, Out On The Slopes Productions, thru Feb. 11, Whistler, BC, 888-258-4883

CENTRAL LIBRARY, "Musical Roots Of Africa" by Dimensions Dance Theater, 1:30pm, 828 I St., 264-2770

DYKES OUT TOGETHER STONELAKES WILDLIFE REFUGE, 451-7191

LGBT SUPPORT GROUP, 7PM, TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 285 E. Fifth St., Chico, 530-872-3105

SAC. VALLEY LEATHERMEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 9am, Faces, 2000 K St., 338-3760

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF SAC., "Ethics in the Legislature" by Ann Bailey, 9:30am, 2425 Sierra Blvd., 483-9283

WINTER BIRDING, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

5 MONDAY

BELLE COOLEDGE COMMUNITY CENTER, lifetime fitness class, 9am, 5699 South Land Park Dr., 277-6094

FEMALE TO MALE SAC., speaker Dana Rivers, 7pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 443-7534, garyj@gay.com

HIV POSITIVE GAY MEN & THEIR FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP, 7pm, Rainbow Center, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500, Concord, 925-609-7546

SAC. RECORDER SOCIETY, 6:30pm, Goethe Hall, 1701 L St., 451-7614

6 TUESDAY

EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER, volunteer and docent training, thru March 15, 9am, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918 x224

IN THE LIFE: FROM RIGHTS TO REVERENCE, 11pm, KVIE Channel 6, 923-7474, www.kvie.org

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LIBRARY, storyteller William Smith, 4pm,7340 25th St. Bypass, 264-2770

SF MOMA FREE FORD TUESDAYS, 9:30am, Lincoln Park, 100 34th Ave. SF, 415-750-3614

SOLANO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE, 7:30pm, 1325 Travis Blvd., Ste. G, Fairfield, 707-449-0847

7 WEDNESDAY

ASIAN ART MUSEUM FREE DAY, 9:30am, Golden Gate Park, SF, 415-379-8801

BELLE COOLEDGE COMMUNITY CENTER, lifetime fitness class, 9am, 5699 South Land Park Dr., 277-6094

CSUS QUEER STRAIGHT ALLIANCE, 1:30pm, University Union Miwok Rm., csusqsa@yahoo.com

DISNEY ON ICE, thru Feb. 11, ARCO Arena, 928-6900

LGBT DATING GAYME, 9pm, www.DatingGayme.com, 954-462-8611

WEDNESDAY EVENING READING GROUP, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004

WOMEN ESCAPING A VIOLENT ENVIRONMENT (WEAVE), prospective volunteer orientation, call for location, 448-2321 ext. 114

WOMEN OUT AFTER 30 SUPPORT GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

8 THURSDAY

ACME25 FILM NIGHT, 11am, Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1616 Del Paso Blvd., 929-7896

EMPLOYMENT LAW CLINIC, 6pm, 515 12th St., 551-2150

IGLOO WINTER RENDEZVOUS, IGLOO, thru Feb. 11, Stowe, VT, www.iglooatstowe.com

JAZZY THURSDAYS AT CENTRAL LIBRARY, Vivian Lee Quintet, 7pm, 828 I St., 264-2770

KAREN THOMPSON, author "Why Can't Sharon Kowalski Come Home?," CSUS, 6000 J St., 484-4742

RAPE AGRESSION DEFENSE SYSTEM, 9am, UC Davis, 530-752-3372

RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT KARAOKE, 9pm, 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

VOICE OF THE VALLEY A CAPELLA CHOIR, 7pm, Natomas Park Elementary School, 4700 Crest, Natomas, 487-7000

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9 FRIDAY

AMER. RIVER COLLEGE, "The Genetic Information Age" conference, 12:30pm, 4700 College Oak Dr., 484-8660

BELLE COOLEDGE COMMUNITY CENTER, lifetime fitness class, 9am, 5699 South Land Park Dr., 277-6094

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE, 7:30pm, Central United Methodist Church Social Hall, 5265 H St., 987-6614

M.H. DEYOUNG MEMORIAL MUSEUM, "Ancient Art at the Legion of Honor" by Susanna Lombardi, 2pm, Golden Gate Park, 75 Tea Garden Dr. SF, 415-750-3640

R.E.A.L. YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP, 6pm, Breaking Barriers, 1722 J St., Suite 321, 447-2437

SF JAZZ, Threads of Jazz: Freedom Workshop, 7pm, Allen Temple Baptist Church, 8501 International Blvd., Oakland, 415-398-5655

TRIBAL, FOLK, & TEXTILE ARTS SHOW, Fort Mason, SF, 310-455-2886

10 SATURDAY

ARTISTS' VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY, 6pm, Richard L. Nelson Gallery, Art Bldg., UC Davis, 530-752-8500

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS ART & WINE AUCTION, 6pm, Towe Auto Museum, 2200 Front St., www.bbbs-sac.org, 482-9300

HAPPY TAILS VALENTINE ADOPTION FAIR, 11am, 721 56th St., 442-2939

PRECIOUS IMAGES, movie by Chuck Workman, 2pm, Exploratorium, 3601 Lyon St., SF, 415-563-7337, www.exploratorium.edu

PROBLEM AT THE POND NATURE WALK, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

RUNAWAY STAGE PRODUCTIONS, Great Valentines Day Cash-Occur, 6pm, Crawford's Barn, 2715 Tiber Rd., 207-1226

RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT COMEDY NIGHT, Maureen Brownsey, 9pm, 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

SAC. AREA COMMUNITY WOMEN'S NETWORK (SACWN) VALENTINE'S DANCE, 8pm, Portuguese Hall, 6676 Pocket Rd., 451-8034

SEX TOUR 2001, SF Zoo, 1 Zoo Rd., 415-753-7165

11 SUNDAY

THE CHANTEUSES CONCERT, 7pm, Unitarian Universalist Society, 2425 Sierra Blvd., 483-9283

COLD CANYON BLUE RIDGE HIKE, Gay & Lesbian Sierrans, 421-6209

GAY FATHERS OF SAC. SUPPORT GROUP, 6 :30PM, SAC. AIDS FOUNDATION, 1320 21ST ST., 484-5636

LGBT FAMILY & FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP, 7PM, TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 285 E. Fifth St., Chico, 530-872-3105

SIGNS ALONG THE RIVER GUIDED WALK, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

12 MONDAY

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

AHP SERVICES CENTER, Valentine making party, 6:30pm, 1930 Market St., 415-476-6448 ext. 3

BELLE COOLEDGE COMMUNITY CENTER, lifetime fitness class, 9am, 5699 South Land Park Dr., 277-6094

CONTRA COSTA PUBLIC HEALTH FREE HIV TESTS, 6pm, Rainbow Community Center, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500, Concord, 800-479-9664

EXPLORATORIUM, movies "For Better Or Worse" and "Washing Walls With Mrs. G," 2pm, 3601 Lyon St., SF, 415-563-7337, www.exploratorium.edu

HIV POSITIVE GAY MEN & THEIR FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP, 7pm, Rainbow Center, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500, Concord, 925-609-7546

SECOND MONDAYS AT CENTRAL, open mike poetry reading,12pm, Central Library West Meeting Room, 828 I St., 264-2920

SOLAR ENERGY INTL., photovoltaic design & installation workshop, thru Feb. 17, Municipal Utility District Center, 1121 L St. # 900, 970-963-8855

13 TUESDAY

DAVIS/SAC. WOMEN'S SONG CIRCLE, 7pm, call for location, joplink@aol.com, 530-756-2541

EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER, volunteer and docent training, thru March 15, 9am, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918 x224

SF MOMA FREE FORD TUESDAYS, 9:30am, Lincoln Park, 100 34th Ave. SF, 415-750-3614

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14 WEDNESDAY

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EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER, Goethe Park hike, 1:30pm, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

EXPLORATORIUM, "Behind the Screen: Making Motion Pictures And Television," 7pm, 3601 Lyon St., SF, 415-563-7337

LGBT DATING GAYME, 9pm, www.DatingGayme.com, 954-462-8611

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EMPLOYMENT LAW CLINIC, 6pm, 515 12th St., 551-2150

JAZZY THURSDAYS AT CENTRAL LIBRARY, Larry Ellis Group, 7pm, 828 I St., 264-2770

NATL. BLACK LESBIAN & GAY LEADERSHIP FORUM CONFERENCE, thru Feb. 18, Marriott City Center Hotel, 1001 Broadway, Oakland, 510-302-0930

PFLAG MEETING, 7:30pm, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, 978-0410

RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT KARAOKE, 9pm, 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

TROUT FISHING IN AMERICA, The Palms,726 Drummond, Davis, 530-756-9901

VOICE OF THE VALLEY A CAPELLA CHOIR, 7pm, Natomas Park Elementary School, 4700 Crest, Natomas, 487-7000

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16 FRIDAY

BELLE COOLEDGE COMMUNITY CENTER, lifetime fitness class, 9am, 5699 South Land Park Dr., 277-6094

COMMUNICATING WITH CONFIDENCE, 8:30am, Women's Resource and Research Center, UC Davis, 530-752-3372

DYKES OUT TOGETHER LITERARY ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 7pm, 451-7191

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RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT PAJAMA PARTY, 16390 Fourth St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

UC SANTA BARBARA LGBT CONFERENCE, "Exploring the Queer Continuum," thru Feb. 18, 805-898-5461

17 SATURDAY

BAY AREA DISCOVERY MUSEUM, Chinese New Year Celebration, 415-487-4398

EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER, hide and seek guided walk, 1:30pm, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

DAVIS DYKES, salsa benefit dance for El Salvador earthquake victims, 8pm, Davis Arts Center, 1919 F St., 877-758-7827, 707-280-9245

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN GALA, 6pm, Century Plaza Hotel, LA, 310-201-5033

MICHAEL HIMOVITZ GALLERY, Draw Pinky, 8pm, 1616 Del Paso Blvd., 929-7896

RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT COMEDY NIGHT, Nick Leonard, 9pm, 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

SF JAZZ, Jazz on Film: Louis Armstrong, 8pm, Masonic Auditorium, SF, 415-398-5655

18 SUNDAY

EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER, habitat improvement, 8am, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 967-0777

EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER, secrets of a wildlife watcher, 1:30pm, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

GLBT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, "AIDS: THE ARTISTS RESPONSE," 2PM, 973 MARKET ST., STE. 400, 415-777-5455

LGBT SUPPORT GROUP, 7PM, TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 285 E. Fifth St., Chico, 530-872-3105

19 MONDAY

PRESIDENT'S DAY

BELLE COOLEDGE COMMUNITY CENTER, lifetime fitness class, 9am, 5699 South Land Park Dr., 277-6094

HIV POSITIVE GAY MEN & THEIR FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP, 7pm, Rainbow Center, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500, Concord, 925-609-7546

20 TUESDAY

SF MOMA FREE FORD TUESDAYS, 9:30am, Lincoln Park, 100 34th Ave. SF, 415-750-3614

SOLANO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE, 7:30pm, 1325 Travis Blvd., Ste. G, Fairfield, 707-449-0847

EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER, volunteer and docent training, thru March 15, 9am, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918 x224

21 WEDNESDAY

COMMUNITY VISIONS, ski week, thru Feb. 25, Park City, UT, 877-429-6368

CSUS QUEER STRAIGHT ALLIANCE, 1:30pm, University Union Miwok Rm., csusqsa@yahoo.com

EXPLORATORIUM, "In The Century of the Gene" by Dr. Evelyn Fox Keller, 7pm, 3601 Lyon St., SF, 415-563-7337, www.exploratorium.edu

MICHELE SERROS, 7:30pm, UC Davis WRRC, North Hall, 530-752-0871

LAMBDA CENTER BOARD MEETING, 6pm, 1927 L St., 442-0185

LGBT DATING GAYME, 9pm, www.DatingGayme.com, 954-462-8611

WEDNESDAY EVENING READING GROUP, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004

WOMEN OUT AFTER 30 SUPPORT GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

22 THURSDAY

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

EMPLOYMENT LAW CLINIC, 6pm, 515 12th St., 551-2150

EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER, volunteer and docent training, thru March 15, 9am, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918 x224

FEST'IVER, Global Tourisme Intl., thru Feb. 25, Mont-Sainte-Anne, Quebec City, Canada, 888-684-0662

"I HAVE A DREAM" ESSAY AWARDS CEREMONY WITH STAAJABU, 7pm, Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, 7340 24th St. Bypass, 264-2770

JAZZY THURSDAYS AT CENTRAL LIBRARY, Henry Robinett Jazz Group, 7pm, 828 I St., 264-2770

PACIFIC ORCHID EXPO, Fort Mason Center, SF, 415-546-9608

RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT KARAOKE, 9pm, 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

VOICE OF THE VALLEY A CAPELLA CHOIR, 7pm, Natomas Park Elementary School, 4700 Crest, Natomas, 487-7000

YOLO COUNTY WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT PLANNING MEETING, 6pm, Memorial Union Fielder Rm., University of CA, Davis, pawhelen@ucdavis.edu

23 FRIDAY

AHP SERVICES CENTER, REACH Program "All About Flirting And Cruising," 6:30pm, 1930 Market St., 415-476-6448 ext. 1

BELLE COOLEDGE COMMUNITY CENTER, lifetime fitness class, 9am, 5699 South Land Park Dr., 277-6094

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE, 7:30pm, Central United Methodist Church Social Hall, 5265 H St., 987-6614

M.H. DEYOUNG MEMORIAL MUSEUM, "Ancient Art at the Legion of Honor" by Susanna Lombardi, 2pm, Golden Gate Park, 75 Tea Garden Dr. SF, 415-750-3640

CA INTL. ANTIQUARIAN BOOK FAIR, Concourse Exhibition Center, SF, 415-551-5190

GAY & LESBIAN SIERRANS, thai dinner, location to be announced, 7pm, 972-9230

LAVENDER LIBRARY, ARCHIVES, & CULTURAL EXCHANGE (LLACE) BOARD MEETING, 6:30pm, 1414 21st St., 492-0558

OLD SAC. MARDI GRAS, Zydeco Flames, 7pm, Front & L St., 264-8131

R.E.A.L. YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP, 6pm, Breaking Barriers, 1722 J St., Suite 321, 447-2437

RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT KARAOKE, 9pm, 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

24 SATURDAY

ANGELO WILLIAMS, 2pm, Carol's Books, 5964 S. Land Park Dr., 443-3322

CENTRAL LIBRARY, Derique The Clown, 2pm, 828 I St., 265-2770

DUVAL SPECK, 7pm, Common Grounds, 2171 Cowell Blvd., Davis, 530-756-8260

OH, OPOSSUM!, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

GAY & LESBIAN SIERRANS, snowshoe hike, location to be announced, 663-3560

OLD SAC. MARDI GRAS, Crawdaddy band, Tom Rigney & Flambeau, Thomas Fields, and Kenny Menard Mardi Gras Zydeco Band, 1pm, Front & L St., 264-8131

RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT COMEDY NIGHT, Mike Uryga, 9pm, 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

TULIP MANIA, Pier 39, SF, 415-705-5500

25 SUNDAY

LGBT FAMILY & FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP, 7PM, TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 285 E. Fifth St., Chico, 530-872-3105

OLD SAC. MARDI GRAS, Kenny Menard Mardi Gras Zydeco Band, Thomas Fields, Zydeco Flames, 1pm, Front & L St., 264-8131

WHOOO, WHAT, WHERE, HOW - OWLS!, 1:30pm, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

26 MONDAY

BELLE COOLEDGE COMMUNITY CENTER, lifetime fitness class, 9am, 5699 South Land Park Dr., 277-6094

CONTRA COSTA PUBLIC HEALTH FREE HIV TESTS, 6pm, Rainbow Community Center, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500, Concord, 800-479-9664

GAY & LESBIAN SIERRANS, italian dinner, location to be announced, 6:30pm, 663-3560

HIV POSITIVE GAY MEN & THEIR FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP, 7pm, Rainbow Center, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500, Concord, 925-609-7546

27 TUESDAY

NATURE HIKE, 8am, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918

SOLANO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE, 7:30pm, 1325 Travis Blvd., Ste. G, Fairfield, 707-449-0847

EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER, volunteer and docent training, thru March 15, 9am, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918 x224

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. LIBRARY, Gordy the Banjo-ologist, 4pm, 7340 24th St. Bypass, 264-2770

SF MOMA FREE FORD TUESDAYS, 9:30am, Lincoln Park, 100 34th Ave. SF, 415-750-3614

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sive domestic violence workshop, thru Feb. 28, 8am, call for location, 319-4976

28 WEDNESDAY

BELLE COOLEDGE COMMUNITY CENTER, lifetime fitness class, 9am, 5699 South Land Park Dr., 277-6094
CSUS QUEER STRAIGHT ALLIANCE, 1:30pm, University Union Miwok Rm., csusqsa@yahoo.com
INTL CONFERENCE ON LGBT TOURISM, thru March 2, Washington D.C., 415-437-3800
LGBT DATING GAYME, 9pm, www.DatingGayme.com, 954-462-8611
SACTO. MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION, 5:30pm, Esquire Grill, 1213 K St., 441-2144
WEDNESDAY EVENING READING GROUP, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004
WOMEN OUT AFTER 30 SUPPORT GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

29 THURSDAY

EMPLOYMENT LAW CLINIC, 6pm, 515 12th St., 551-2150
VOICE OF THE VALLEY A CAPELLA CHOIR, 7pm, Natomas Park Elementary School, 4700 Crest, Natomas, 487-7000
EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER, volunteer and docent training, thru March 15, 9am, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918 x224
RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT KARAOKE, 9pm, 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT
YOLO COUNTY WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT PLANNING MEETING, 6pm, Memorial Union Fielder Rm., University of CA, Davis, pawhelen@ucdavis.edu

30 FRIDAY

BELLE COOLEDGE COMMUNITY CENTER, lifetime fitness class, 9am, 5699 South Land Park Dr., 277-6094
FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE, 7:30pm, Central United Methodist Church Social Hall, 5265 H St., 987-6614
R.E.A.L. YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP, 6pm, Breaking Barriers, 1722 J St., Suite 321, 447-2437
RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT KARAOKE, 9pm, 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

March

1 THURSDAY

RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT KARAOKE, 9pm, 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT
SAC. RECORDER SOCIETY, 6:30pm, Goethe Hall, 1701 L St., 451-7614
SF MOMA FREE FORD TUESDAYS, 9:30am, Lincoln Park, 100 34th Ave. SF, 415-750-3614
YOLO COUNTY WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT PLANNING MEETING, 6pm, Memorial Union Fielder Rm., University of CA, Davis, pawhelen@ucdavis.edu

2 FRIDAY

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RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT KARAOKE, 9pm, 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

3 SATURDAY

LEATHER & LACE MOTORCYCLE CLUB REUNION, 11am, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185
RUSSIAN RIVER PIANO BAR & COMEDY NIGHT, with Momi Starr, 7pm, 16390 Fourth St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

4 SUNDAY

LGBT SUPPORT GROUP, 7PM, TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 285 E. Fifth St., Chico, 530-872-3105
SAC. VALLEY LEATHERMEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 9am, Faces, 2000 K St., 338-3760
WOMEN OF COLOR DAY, 4pm, KVIE Ose Community Rm., 483-9804

5 MONDAY

BELLE COOLEDGE COMMUNITY CENTER, lifetime fitness class, 9am, 5699 South Land Park Dr., 277-6094
CONTRA COSTA PUBLIC HEALTH FREE HIV TESTS, 6pm, Rainbow Community Center, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500, Concord, 800-479-9664
FEMALE TO MALE SAC., 7pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L. St., 443-7534, garyj@gay.com
HIV POSITIVE GAY MEN & THEIR FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP, 7pm, Rainbow Center, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500, Concord, 925-609-7546

6 TUESDAY

SF MOMA FREE FORD TUESDAYS, 9:30am, Lincoln Park, 100 34th Ave. SF, 415-750-3614
SOLANO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE, 7:30pm, 1325 Travis Blvd., Ste. G, Fairfield, 707-449-0847
EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER, volunteer and docent training, thru March 15, 9am, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918 x224

7 WEDNESDAY

ASIAN ART MUSEUM FREE DAY, 9:30am, Golden Gate Park, SF, 415-379-8801
BELLE COOLEDGE COMMUNITY CENTER, lifetime fitness class, 9am, 5699 South Land Park Dr., 277-6094
CSUS QUEER STRAIGHT ALLIANCE, 1:30pm, University Union Miwok Rm., csusqsa@yahoo.com
LGBT DATING GAYME, 9pm, www.DatingGayme.com, 954-462-8611
WEDNESDAY EVENING READING GROUP, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004
WOMEN OUT AFTER 30 SUPPORT GROUP, 8pm, Lambda Center, 1927 L St., 442-0185

8 THURSDAY

EFFIE YEAW NATURE CENTER, volunteer and docent training, thru March 15, 9am, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918 x224
EMPLOYMENT LAW CLINIC, 6pm, 515 12th St., 551-2150
RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT KARAOKE, 9pm, 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT
SF INTL. ASIAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL, thru March 15, AMC Kabuki Theaters, SF, 415-863-0814
VOICE OF THE VALLEY A CAPELLA CHOIR, 7pm, Natomas Park Elementary School, 4700 Crest, Natomas, 487-7000
WOMEN ESCAPING A VIOLENT ENVIRONMENT (WEAVE), prospective volunteer orientation, call for location, 448-2321 ext. 114
YOLO COUNTY WOMEN TAKE BACK THE NIGHT PLANNING MEETING, 6pm, Memorial Union Fielder Rm., University of CA, Davis, pawhelen@ucdavis.edu

9 FRIDAY

BELLE COOLEDGE COMMUNITY CENTER, lifetime fitness class, 9am, 5699 South Land Park Dr., 277-6094
FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE, 7:30pm, Central United Methodist Church Social Hall, 5265 H St., 987-6614
R.E.A.L. YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP, 6pm, Breaking Barriers, 1722 J St., Suite 321, 447-2437
RUSSIAN RIVER RESORT KARAOKE, 9pm, 16390 4th St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT
SAC. AREA COMMUNITY WOMEN'S NETWORK (SACWN), Shamrock Social, Faces, 2000 K St., 451-8034

10 SATURDAY

AUTHOR JOHN MINI, reading "The Aztec Virgin: The Secret Mystical Tradition of Our Lady of Guadalupe," 2pm, 6635 Madison Ave., Carm., 961-1058
RUSSIAN RIVER PIANO BAR & COMEDY NIGHT, with Momi Starr, 7pm, 16390 Fourth St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

11 SUNDAY

BISHOP ROBERT MATTHEIS, 3pm, Lutherans Concerned Sac., call for location, 731-8887
LGBT FAMILY & FRIENDS SUPPORT GROUP, 7PM, TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 285 E. Fifth St., Chico, 530-872-3105
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE, 12:45pm, 2nd & Market to City Hall, SF, 415-731-0924

12 MONDAY

BELLE COOLEDGE COMMUNITY CENTER, lifetime fitness class, 9am, 5699 South Land Park Dr., 277-6094
GAY FATHERS OF SAC. SUPPORT GROUP, 6 :30PM, SAC. AIDS FOUNDATION, 1320 21ST ST., 484-5636
HIV POSITIVE GAY MEN & THEIR FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP, 7pm, Rainbow Center, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500, Concord, 925-609-7546
SECOND MONDAYS AT CENTRAL, open mike poetry reading,12pm, Central Library West Meeting Room, 828 I St., 264-2920
SF MOMA FREE FORD TUESDAYS, 9:30am, Lincoln Park, 100 34th Ave. SF, 415-750-3614

13 TUESDAY

DAVIS/SAC WOMEN'S SONG CIRCLE, 7pm, call for location, joplinkc@aol.com, 530-756-2541
SF MOMA FREE FORD TUESDAYS, 9:30am, Lincoln Park, 100 34th Ave. SF, 415-750-3614
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EMPLOYMENT LAW CLINIC, 6pm, 515 12th St., 551-2150
LAMBDA COMMUNITY FUND AWARDS, 5:30pm, Studio Theater, 1028 R St., 442-0185
PFLAG MEETING, 7:30pm, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, 978-0410
VOICE OF THE VALLEY A CAPELLA CHOIR, 7pm, Natomas Park Elementary School, 4700 Crest, Natomas, 487-7000
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FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE, 7:30pm, Central United Methodist Church Social Hall, 5265 H St., 987-6614
MULTICULTURAL FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION CONFERENCE, thru March. 17, Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, 454-1892
R.E.A.L. YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP, 6pm, Breaking Barriers, 1722 J St., Suite 321, 447-2437
RUSSIAN RIVER PIANO BAR & COMEDY NIGHT, with Momi Starr, 7pm, 16390 Fourth St., Guerneville, 800-4-1-RESORT

17 SATURDAY

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

BIRD WALK AND BREAKFAST, 7:30am, Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Ancil Hoffman County Pk., 6700 Tarshes Dr., Carmichael, 489-4918
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HIV POSITIVE GAY MEN & THEIR FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP, 7pm, Rainbow Center, 2118 Willow Pass Rd., Suite 500, Concord, 925-609-7546
LESSONS IN LEADERSHIP, "Leadership is a Choice: The Four Roles of a Leader" by Dr. Stephen Covey, 8:30am, Convention Center, 1400 J St., 800-873-3451

20 TUESDAY

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Art Galleries

ART FOUNDRY GALLERY; Fernando Reyes & Vicki Asp, thru Jan. 6; A Visual Feast. thru Jan. 6; 1021 R St., 444-2787
BERKELEY ART MUSEUM; The Further Eye: Painting Of India, thru Feb. 18; Face Of Buddha: Sculpture From India, China, Japan, And Southeast Asia, thru 2003; Tacita Dean/MATRIX 189, thru Jan. 28; Tall Landscapes Of The Late Ming, Dec. 8-Feb.18; 2625 Durant Ave., 510-642-1208
BLOOMING ART; Phil Simpson, thru Feb. 28; 1901 Capitol Ave., 442-3800
CHROMA GALLERY; Colors of Winter, thru Feb. 4; Love of Color, Feb. 10-March 4; 10030 Fair Oaks Blvd., 966-6020
CROCKER ART MUSEUM; Dr. Walter O. Evans Collection of African American Art, thru Feb. 25; 216 O St., 264-5423
DAVID ADEN GALLERY; Reed Massengill, March 2-Apr. 3; 350 Sunset Ave., Venice Beach, 310-396-2949
EXPLORATORIUM; "Precious Images" by Chuck Workman, Feb. 10; Behind the Screen: Making Motion Pictures and Television, Feb. 10-May 13; Valentine's Day Films, Feb. 12; Science In Cinema, Feb. 17-18; Image and Race, Feb. 24-15; "From Imagination to Image" by Chuck Workman; 3601 Lyon St., SF, 415-563-7337
GALLERY W; The Artist and the Bible, thru Feb. 25; 9933 Business Park Dr., 442-5030
GLBT HISTORICAL SOCIETY; One Life For Another: The Survivor's Story, Feb. 2-March 4; 973 market St., Ste. 400, SF, 415-777-5455
JAY JAY; Studio Visit, Feb. 10-March 24; 2906 Franklin Blvd., 442-5030
JOHN NATSOULAS GALLERY; Peter VandenBerge, Boyd Gavin, & Harry Wegener, Feb. 6-March 4; 521 First St., Davis, 530-756-3938
MICHAEL HIMOVITZ GALLERY; acme25, thru Feb. 10; 1616 Del Paso Blvd., 1616 Del Paso Blvd., 929-7896
M.H. DE YOUNG MEMORIAL MUSEUM; Prints in Bloom, thru May 13; Visual Art of John Cage: To Sober and Quiet the Mind, thru April 15; Reva & David Logan Collection, thru March 11; Golden Gate Park, 75 Tea Garden Dr., SF, 415-750-3614.
MOCA MUSEUM; Stan Douglas, thru Apr. 1; 250 South Grand Ave., LA, 213-621-2766
THE OPEN BOOK; Albert Goldenberg, thru Feb. 28; 910 21st St., 498-1004
RICHARD L. NELSON GALLERY; Artists' Benefit Valentine's Exhibit, thru Feb. 10; 124 Art Building, UC Davis, 530-752 8500.
SACRAMENTO FINE ARTS CENTER; Year of the Snake, thru Feb. 11; 5330-B Gibbons Drive, 917-3713, sfac@cwnet.com
SAN FRANCISCO MOMA; The Triumph of Prudence and The Triumph of Fortitude, thru Feb. 10; The Figure in 20th Century Artists' Books From the Reva and David Logan Collection, thru March 11; The Visual Art of John Cage: To Sober and Quiet the Mind, Apr. 15; Prints in Bloom, May 13; Sol LeWitt: A Retrospective, Feb. 19-May 21; Native to the Land: Photography and the North American Indian, 1870-1930, thru June 12; Rachael Neubauer & Kathryn Van Dyke, Feb. 2-June 12; 010101: Art in Technological Times, thru July 8; 151 Third St., San Francisco, 415-357-4000
SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY; Rhonel Roberts, thru Feb. 26; African American Center, 100 Larkin St., 3rd Fl., 415-557-4277
SECOND SATURDAY ART WALKS; Most galleries, Feb. 10; 929-7896
SOLOMAN DUBNICK GALLERY; Adela Akers & Jan Camp, thru Feb. 3; Mark Bryan & Mick Sheldon, Feb. 8- March 3; Richard Duning & C.W. Hurni, March 8-31; Group Show, April 5-May 5; 2131 Nothrop Ave., 920-4547
THE URBAN HERBALIST; Mike Ward, thru Feb. 28; 1729 L St., 447-4372
TOWER GALLERY; Tower Vision, Feb. 10-28; 484 Howe Ave., 924-1001
UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC; Queer Art: Constructions of Gay and Lesbian Identity, Feb. 19 - March 22; Richard Reynolds Gallery, Jeannette Powell Art Center, Stockton, 209-946-3103, mschleier@uop.edu
VIEWPOINT GALLERY; Visual Edge Juried Exhibit, thru Feb. 23; 551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd., 441-2341

Theatre/Dance/Orchestra

AMERICAN RIVER THEATRE; Our Country's Good, Feb. 23-March 4; A Midsummer Night's Dream, Apr. 20-29, Jack and the Giant, May; 4700 College Oak Dr., 484-8234
CALIFORNIA MUSICAL THEATRE BROADWAY SERIES; Fosse, May 8-19; Annie Get Your Gun, June 5-10; Wells Fargo Pavillion, 1419 H St., 557-1999, 446-5880
CALIFORNIA WIND ORCHESTRA; Concerto For Trumpet, Feb. 10; Pipedreams, Mar. 31; Courtly Dances, Apr. 28; various locations, 498-2576
CAMELLIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA; Bartok, Tann, Phen/He, Rachmaninoff, & Bridge, Feb. 3; Finzi, Schloenberg, & Respighi, March 31; Musgrave, Prokofiev, & Brahms, June 2; 900 Howe Ave., 2nd Floor, 929-6655
CASTRO THEATRE; Sing-A-Long Sound of Music, Feb. 16-March 1; 429 Castro St., 510-601-TWEB, 415 621-6120
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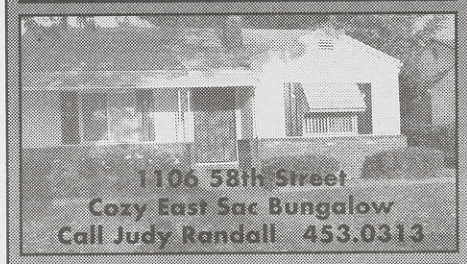

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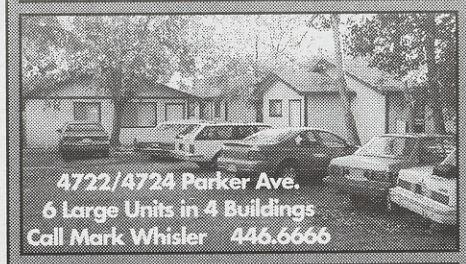

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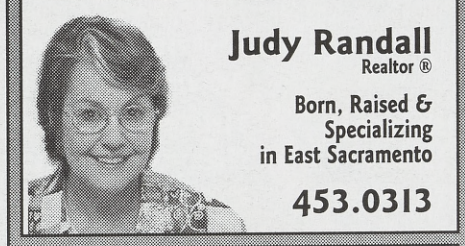

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Roses are red, Violets ar[illegible] blue, I've always wished, for a[illegible] Okie Antie like you. Who needs [illegible]n-emies when you have a mo[illegible]? EganNo.

BIG NOODLE SEVEN
You're a hottie to the tenth degree. City employee desk jockeys make me quiver. Won't you be my Valentine forever and always? Min

"BLUE12MAR" -
Sac. To Atlanta; Not that far. I just can't get there overnight by car. Love ya more mind, body, and soul; and tons of Tiramisu in a bowl! "Spikaninny"

DB -
We've been through so much together sharing laughter, joy, and tears. You are a very special gift I'll always treasure. Happy Valentine's Day. WL

LAURIE –
Refusing to invest my heart. All these years, sleeping in the dark. Awakened, now I stumble down the hall. Fire in my depth, pretending, but the burning never ends. Loving you past the point of dying, I surrender to your peace. Jess.

MANDY & KAT -
In Sacrament[illegible] I cherish you dove.

MARLEE -
It's not my ear you whispered into, but my heart. It's not my lips you kissed, but my soul. 1 4 3, Your Valentine, Emily xoxox

MARY –
2,400 miles separates us but 14 years brings us together. We miss you constantly. L, S, E

MATTHEW –
Your love came out of nowhere, but not I know it's true. I want nothing more in this world, than to spend my life with you. Love D.

MYSTERIOUS SURFER –
Law breaker, opinion stretcher, sun sucker, traveler. Sometimes I think you are only a figment of my imagination. Best wishes finding love in our new century. J.

ONE NIGHT STAND WILIE -
I want another. We'll meet in your hole. S. will not come between us. Please call soon. The Lady E.

!!!!!RED!!!!!
My habanero chili pepper, like spicy salsa, a piece of a perfect rainbow, a heart at capacity, fiery eyes, like spilled cherries, like a sip of cherry cola, Scorpios whirl, the house comes down around us. Valentine's Day will never be the same again.

SECRET ADMIRER B.
I would like to meet you. Your words intrigue me. Send another letter. Let's get together. James.

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY
My Quaker A.M. I'm sorry. I should have respected you and our relationship more. Can you ever forgive me? How can I make it up to you? J.T.

TO MY DONIVAN -
Friend and loving partner. Won't you join me for a candlelight dinner? Won't you indulge in a bubble bath? Won't you share my box of chocolates? Won't you be my Valentine? I love you. Your cod, Kona

TO R. –
You know which flowers to [illegible] bring. You know how and w[illegible]n to apologize. You even [illegible] when Michael Jackson sh[illegible] have stopped with the plast[illegible] surgery. You can make anyone laugh. I Love You. V.

TO NICOLAS -
You may drive me crazy, I may drive you mad. But for a couple of freaks liv[illegible]ether, we haven't d[illegible]. Happy Valentine's Day. May we see many more together. Your P.

TO POOKIE -
You're my red-hot teddy bear. You make me happy when I squeeze you. Have a Happy Valentine's Day. Love, RLC

TO TWITTERBOY –
Thanks for making me laugh. Love, Russ

TO YOU POOH -
With all my heart, I always feel you, can you feel it too? Never forget how much I love you. God, you're so beautiful. Love Me, Piglet